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1907

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SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR BOOK.

These will be sent to Pastors or Clerks about Dec. 20. If not received before Dec. 25, notify the Secretary. Be careful to answer every question. It will help the Secretary much if these reports are sent in before Jan. 20, 1908.

Any corrections for the Year Book should be sent early to the Secretary.

The next annual meeting will be held with the Church of Faribault on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1908.

The reports of the Advisory Board and the Sunday School Committee are worth reading a second time and should be kept for reference.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

We are glad to offer this year a good likeness of Hon. Lewis L. Wheelock who died recently at Owatonna, where for forty years he had been the Sunday School Superintendent. He was often a delegate to our Association. "He loved the truth and abounded in charity."

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FOR SESSION OF 1907.

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Moderator, Walter H. Carroll.

Assistant Moderator, J. A. Sawyer.

Scribe, Rev. Albert R. Brown.

Preacher, Rev. Alexander Milne.

Business Committee { Rev. E. B. Dean, W. F. Black, Prof. George Huntington. Rev. J. H. Albert.

COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

FOR 1907-1908

BUSINESS—Rev. E. B. Dean, W. F. Black, Prof. George Huntington, Rev. J. H. Albert.

FINANCE AND PRINTING—Rev. W. J. Gray, Hiram A. Scriver, Robert L. Pollock.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. H. K. Painter, W. S. Wingate, Rev. E. S. Pressey.

ARRANGEMENTS—Rev. J. H. Albert, Prof. J. J. Dow, Mr. W. M. Nutting.

STATE ADVISORY BOARD—Rev. Henry Holmes, C. T. Rickard, Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. W. A. Warren, Rev. George R. Merrill.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE SPECIAL—Rev. C. E. Burton, E. D. Parker, Rev. C. H. Curtis, Rev. E. S. Pressey, Rev. G. A. Trant, Prof. Charles Cooper, Prof. A. E. Haynes.

WINDOM INSTITUTE—Prof. H. T. Eddy, Rev. W. A. Snow, Rev. A. A. Secord.

CARLETON COLLEGE—Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. Everett Lesher, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Hon. A. A. Miller, Thos. Hughes, L. A. Huntoon.

VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY—Rev. E. L. Heermance.

RELIGIOUS WORK IN THE UNIVERSITY—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Hon. D. P. Jones.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Harlan P. Roberts, David P. Jones, Rev. R. P. Herrick, Walter N. Carroll, Rev. W. J. Gray.

DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL—Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Rev. George R. Merrill, C. M. Way.

DIRECTORS OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE—Rev. Carl J. Swain, Rev. C. C. Campbell.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER—Warren Upham, Rev. James Strong, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota convened in the First Congregational Church of New Ulm, Oct. 1st, 1907, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon. The session was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. John S. Rood, after which the Moderator, Rev. Willis A. Warren, called the Association to order.

Rev. Albert R. Brown was elected Assistant Scribe and Pres. C. H. Cooper, Rev. G. A. Traut and Rev. H. K. Painter were appointed a Committee on Nominations. The Business Committee reported the printed program, which was accepted.

Rev. Everett Lesher gave an address on "The Place of the Church in Modern Society," which was fully discussed.

In the absence of Rev. Henry Holmes, Rev. N. A. Palmer, Superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, was requested to report upon the work of the League in the State, which he did with great clearness and power.

Recess was taken until 7:30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Session was opened by a praise service led by Rev. Walter A. Snow. Rev. C. B. Fellows read the Scripture lesson and Rev. H. P. Fisher offered prayer. Mr. Will A. Amundson, of St. Peter, sang a solo entitled "Lord God of Abraham." The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Charles E. Burton, from text I John 1:3, on "Personal Relation to the Infinite." After singing a hymn, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher and Rev. F. E. Knoph administered the Lord's Supper. The offering for Ministerial Relief, at the close of the Lord's Supper, was $54.48. Mr. Amundson sang "The Lost Chord" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung by the congregation and benediction pronounced by Rev. Charles A. Ruddock, after which Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

At nine o'clock the Association was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. Percy E. Thomas. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved. Rev. S. G. Smith gave a report of the Committee on

Uniform Constitution, which was accepted and by request the committee was discharged. The reports of Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor were read, accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing. See Reports "A" and "B." The report of the Committee on Finance and Printing was read and, after reference to the same committee, was again presented, amended and its recommendations adopted. See Report "C." The report of the Nominating Committee for officers of this session was read and adopted and is as follows:

For Assistant Moderator, John M. McBride.

Committee on Credentials, Rev. John S. Rood, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Mr. H. J. Jager.

Committee on Place and Preacher, Rev. Alexander McGregor, Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Chas. Wingate.

Committee on Resolutions, Rev. Percy E. Thomas, Rev. Wilbur Fisk and Mr. W. F. Black.

The report of the Committee on Co-ordination of our Congregational Societies was presented by Rev. W. J. Gray, and the committee was discharged.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Society, presented his report, which was accepted and referred to Committee on Printing. See Report "J."

A brief verbal report from Committee on Historical Matter was given by Warren Upham and Rev. S. V. S. Fisher and accepted. A report of work and changes at Carleton College was presented by Rev. Fred B. Hill of Carleton College. It was accepted and referred to Committee on Printing. There is an increase in number of students and some changes in the faculty. Prof. Horace Goodhue, who began the teaching in Carleton College more than forty years ago, has resigned and accepts the Retirement Fund provided by Andrew Carnegie, and hosts of old students and friends will rejoice in his well earned rest.

The report of visitor to Chicago Theological Seminary was given by Rev. Herman P. Fisher and accepted and referred to Committee on Printing. See Report "E."

The Committee on Windom Institute presented a report signed by Rev. E. L. Brooks and Emil Miller, which was accepted and referred to Committee on Printing. See Report "G."

The report of Committee on Religious Work at the State University was presented by Rev. Clement G. Clarke and accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing. See Report "H."

Rev. M. B. Morris took the place of Rev. F. A. Sumner, who has left the State, and spoke on the "Scripture Teaching on Giving," and Rev. L. H. Hallock presented the plan of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, which has been so successful in recent years, and offered the following motion,

Resolved, That a committee of seven be elected by this body to consider and put into successful operation at their discretion a system of systematic

beneficence which shall be in harmony with the plan of a Balance Beneficence which may be adopted by the approaching National Council.

This resolution was adopted.

The noon recess was taken and benediction was pronounced by Rev. Wm. Jenkins.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened at 2 o'clock with a praise service led by J. M. McBride, Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Robert P. Herrick presented the report of the work of "The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society's Nineteenth Year in Minnesota." It was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing. See Report "I."

A recess of Association was taken and the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society convened at 2:30 o'clock. For Minutes see Page 37.

At 4 o'clock the Association convened again and C. J. Hunt gave an address on "The Correlation of Church Activities."

In the discussion which followed Rev. F. E. Knoph spoke on organization in church at Austin, Rev. E. B. Dean on the Systematic Benevolence of the Church at Northfield, and Rev. Alexander Milne and Rev. C. H. Curtis made some remarks. Mr. Hunt's paper was referred to Committee on Printing.

A brief recess was taken for the photographer to take a picture of the Association in a group in front of the church and parsonage.

Rev. C. H. Curtis presented the report of the Special Committee on the Ministerial Relief Society, appointed a year ago. After discussion it was adopted and referred to the trustees of the Ministerial Relief Society of this State to put the plan into operation at their discretion. See Report "F."

The Secretary of Ministerial Relief for Minnesota presented his report. It was adopted and referred to the Committee on Printing. See Report "K."

The report of the Sunday School Committee was presented by Rev. Percy E. Thomas. It was adopted and referred to the Committee on Printing. See Report "L."

The report of the Committee on Carleton College was presented by Rev. Clement G. Clarke.

On motion it was voted that the pastor of the Church that entertains the Association shall hereafter be a member of the Business Committee.

On motion the Committee on Finance was given power at their discretion to appropriate money for use of the committees.

The Association adjourned until evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Association opened at 7:30 in Turners' Hall with a praise service led by Mr. C. J. Hunt. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. L. Brooks and the

Moderator, Rev. Willis A. Warren, gave the address on "A Bird's-Eye View of Religion in the State."

Rev. C. B. Fellows made a brief address on the work in Northern Minnesota. Rev. C. P. Boardman then gave a "Stereopticon Talk on Our Northern Frontier," after which the session adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Session opened at 9:30 o'clock with praise service led by Rev. Alexander Milne. Rev. J. H. Albert resigned as delegate to the National Council and W. S. Woodbridge of Duluth was elected to take his place.

The report of the "Advisory Board of Church Oversight and Pastoral Supply" was submitted by Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, adopted and referred to Committee on Printing. See Report "M."

A communication from Dr. Anderson, Secretary of National Council, was read asking that we appoint three delegates to the International Council of Congregational Churches in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 30th to July 8th, 1908. It was voted that delegates be elected with authority to appoint substitutes if men can be found who will go.

The Nominating Committee reported the names of Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill and Mr. C. M. Way, and they were elected.

The Nominating Committee reported for Board of Directors of Anti-Saloon League, Rev. C. J. Swain and Rev. C. C. Campbell, and for Preservation of Historical Matter same committee as last year. Report adopted.

Rev. W. H. Nugent read a paper on "Re-living the Christ."

Recess was taken.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association met at one o'clock. Moderator in the chair.

Voted that the delegates in attendance at National Council are authorized to fill any vacancy from those who may be present from Minnesota.

The appeal from "The Federation of Sunday Rest Associations of America" was approved.

Mr. C. J. Hunt was appointed to take Rev. A. McGregor's place on Committee of Place and Preacher when Mr. McGregor leaves the State.

The following officers were unanimously elected: Secretary and Treasurer, Samuel J. Rogers; Moderator, Walter N. Carroll; Assistant Moderator, J. A. Sawyer; Scribe, Albert R. Brown.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. Percy E. Thomas and adopted by a rising vote. See Report "N."

The final report of the Committee on Nominations was given as follows:

For State Advisory Board.—For four years, Rev. Henry Holmes; for three years, C. T. Rickard; for two years, Rev. W. J. Gray; for one year, Rev. W. A. Warren. Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, ex-officio.

ON RELIGIOUS WORK IN STATE UNIVERSITY.—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Hon. D. P. Jones.

ON WINDOM INSTITUTE.—Prof. H. T. Eddy, Rev. Walter A. Snow, Rev. A. A. Secord.

ON CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. Everett Lesher, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Hon. A. A. Miller, Thomas Hughes, L. A. Huntoon.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Rev. E. B. Dean, W. F. Black, Rev. George Huntington, and the pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. J. H. Albert.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—Rev. W. J. Gray, H. A. Scriver, Robert L. Pollock.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Harlan P. Roberts, Hon. D. P. Jones, Rev. R. P. Herrick, W. N. Carroll, Rev. W. J. Gray.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.—Rev. C. E. Burton, Rev. E. S. Pressey, Prof. Chas. Cooper, E. D. Parker, Rev. C. H. Curtis, Rev. G. A. Traut and Prof. A. E. Haynes.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. H. K. Painter, W. S. Wingate and Rev. E. S. Pressey.

VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY.—Rev. E. L. Heermance.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Place and Preacher was given by Rev. Alexander McGregor: Preacher, Rev. Alexander Milne; Alternate, Rev. Charles H. Curtis. Report adopted.

Rev. Geo. R. Merrill gave notice of amendments to the Constitution as follows: Art. 5, Omitting the words "at the closing session" and inserting the words "after previous nomination by an informal ballot." Also to amend Rule 13 by inserting the word "ordinarily" after "each" and the words "by ballot after nomination by informal ballot" after the words "shall be chosen."

Rev. C. E. Burton was elected Press Agent for next Association and Rev. S. J. Rogers chosen as agent to secure any favors needed from railroads.

The thanks of the Association were extended to the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad for special accommodations of this year's session.

In view of the fact that Rev. L. H. Hallock and wife and Rev. Alexander McGregor are soon to leave us it was unanimously voted that we express to Dr. Hallock and Mrs. Hallock and Dr. McGregor our sincere appreciation of the work they have done for the State and our deep regret that they are to leave.

The minutes were read and approved and the Association adjourned with prayer.

WILLIS A. WARREN,
Moderator.

EVERETT LESHER,
Scribe.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Cable—Miss Caroline Gaumnitz, Miss Abbie Cater. *Glenwood*—Rev. Walter A. Snow. *Monticello*—Rev. H. C. Payne. *Sauk Rapids*—Rev. Wilbur N. Payne.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Pilgrim, Duluth—Rev. Alexander Milne, Miss L. Ella Roe.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Belgrade—Rev. Geo. E. Brown, Mrs. G. E. Brown, Mrs. L. B Steel. *Ceylon*—Rev. L. Kirk. *Freeborn*—Rev. Wilbur Fisk, John Risberg, Lyle Scoville. *Mankato*—Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, C. H. Cooper, Rev. John H. Clark, Thomas Hughes. *Mapleton*—Rev. F. L. H. von Lubken. *New Richland*—Mrs. J. F. Hunt, Mrs. C. A. Wagner. *Sherburn*—Rev. B. A. Warren. *Wasecca*—Rev. A. D. Adams, Mrs. A. D. Adams. *Salem-Cambria*—Rev. Thomas L. Griffith, David E. Bowell, Evan L. Harris, Mrs. E. L. Harris.

MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. Edwin Ewell. *Glencoe*—Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Mrs. F. L. V. Meske. *Hutchinson*—Rev. A. R. Brown. *Minneapolis, First*—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Rev. A. H. Tebbets. *Plymouth*—Rev. L. H. Hallock, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, W. F. Black, Mrs. W. F. Black, Mrs. L. H. Hallock, Mrs. Arthur P. Stacy, Miss Mary L. de Mars, Rev. John Okerstein, Rev. Samuel J. Rogers. *Park*—Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, Mrs. G. W. Teitsworth. *Pilgrim*—Mrs. Charles H. Wingate. *Vine*—Rev. S. V. S. Fisher. *Como Ave.*—Rev. H. K. Painter. *Union*—Rev. R. S. Cross. *Lyndale*—Rev. C. E. Burton. *Fremont Ave.*—Rev. C. A. Hilton. *Fifth Ave.*—Rev. Walter H. Nugent, Mrs. W. H. Nugent, Mrs. M. V. Baker, Mrs. E. M. Conant, J. M. McBride, Mrs. J. M. McBride, Rev. Robert P. Herrick, Miss Edna Simmons. *Lowry Hill*—Rev. Henry Holmes, Mrs. Henry Holmes. *Robbinsdale*—Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. H. R. Stillman. *Forest Heights*—Rev. S. M. Humby. *Thirty-eighth St.*—Rev. Charles P. Boardman. *Linden Hills*—G. W. Rathbun, Mrs. G. W. Rathbun. *Minnehaha*—Rev. E. C. Lyons. *Princeton*—Rev. George A. Swertfager, Mrs. F. M. Campbell. *Ministerial Members*—Rev. Maurice B. Morris, Rev. C. B. Fellows.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Bagley—Rev. A. C. Woodcock. *Fergus Falls*—Rev. Edward L. Brooks. *Moorhead*—Rev. G. Albert Traut. *Ministerial Members*—Rev. W. J. Conard, Rev. Herman P. Fisher.

ST. PAUL CONFERENCE.

Cannon Falls—Mrs. Mary C. Engstrom. *Lake City*—Rev. W. A. Warren, Mrs. Louise Crawford. *Northfield*—Rev. Edwin B. Dean, Mrs. J. S. Hawkins, Mrs. A. E. Dean, Miss Margaret Evans, Rev. Fred B. Hill representing Carleton College. *St. Paul, Plymouth*—Rev. Clement C. Campbell, Miss C. W. Nichols, Warren Upham, Mrs. Addie B. Upham. *Pacific*—Rev. A. A. Secord, John M. Boxell. *Atlantic*—Rev. Matt Evans, Mrs. T. J. Plondke. *Park*—Rev. Alexander McGregor. *Olivet*—Rev. William J. Gray. *People's*—Rev. Samuel G. Smith. *St. Paul Congregational*—Rev. Cornelius Richert.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE.

Austin—Rev. F. E. Knoph, Mrs. F. E. Knoph, Mrs. J. J. Hayes. *Dodge Center*—Rev. L. L. Sowles. *Grand Meadow*—John De Young. *Lyle*—Rev. C. A. Ruddick, John E. Norris. *Mantorville*—Rev. Jesse Buswell, Mrs. Lucy A. Nelson, Mrs. G. Kutzler. *Medford*—Rev. Paul Winter. *Plainview*—Rev. William E. Griffith. *Owatonna*—Rev. Everett Lesher, P. J. Sheldon, J. A. Sawyer, H. J. Jager, J. Palmer Johnson, G. W. Kenyon. *Rochester*—Rev. Charles H. Curtis, Albert Lyon, Mrs. Frances Bliss. *St. Charles*—Rev. O. L. McCleery, Mrs. E. P. Howe. *Winona*—Rev. Percy E. Thomas. *Ministerial Member*—Rev. William M. Jenkins.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Lamberton—Rev. Frederick S. Atwood. *Marshall*—Rev. M. S. Hartwell, Rev. B. L. Webber, Mrs. B. L. Webber. *New Ulm*—Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Mrs. Lienhard, Rudolph Massapust, Gottlieb Schmidt. *Sleepy Eye*—Rev. John S. Rood, Miss Hannah Frederickson, Mrs. L. Krueger. *Springfield*—Rev. R. P. Upton, Mrs. R. P. Upton, Mrs. Anderson. *Tyler*—Mrs. Ed. Erickson, Mrs. G. A. Gilbert. *Winthrop*—Rev. J. H. Hjetland, Mrs. J. H. Hjetland.

Visitors—Rev. N. A. Palmer, Miss Olive G. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ross and Miss Canfield.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

"A"

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.

The Year Book of 1906 published the names of 218 churches in this State. The Year Book of 1907 shows the same number and yet we have added to our roll the new churches of Backus, Beard, Comfrey, Cyril, Hill City and Mahnomin. We have been constrained to drop the names of Arcola, Carloe, Perham, St. Cloud and Westbrook, which only existed in name, and have transferred the work at Hudson to the Presbyterians. We were again forced to send in the report for the Year Book with no report from eight churches, but only one of those had a pastor and he was one of the few that seldom answers a letter, and he has now left the State. Of the others three reported that all the members had moved away, and two churches had been dead for some time and one church is now in a comatose condition. One only of the seven holds monthly services and hopes to revive.

In the persistent efforts to get the last twenty reports and to get corrections from as many more, that had omitted to answer some questions, the report of our State did not reach Boston till March 11th, and was the eleventh received instead of the fifth, as it was last year. The report was not quite as cheerful as we could wish, but had some encouraging features.

The Y. P. S. C. E. has begun to increase in number of members and the regular benevolent contributions have increased, though there is a report of a large decrease. This is due to the fact that over $70,000 of special gifts, from a few members of one church, were reported in 1906. Several new churches have been organized or recognized this year, and their names will appear in our tables. More than twenty reports came with no reference to the Sunday School. The accessions to the churches have been above the average, but the increase has been to a great extent in the cities, while many of the small churches have had no additions, and some have lost many by removal and death. The problem before us in the work in State is to so man the work in the small churches that they shall be kept alive and increase in strength each year.

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REPORT OF TREASURER

Of Minnesota Congregational Association from Oct. 1st, 1906, to Sept. 28, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury Oct. 1st, 1906	$252.88
Collection at Association	24.25
Refund of Western Passenger Association	11.00
Anoka Conference, balance of 1906	71.00
Anoka Conference, on account of 1907	150.00
Central Conference, balance of 1906	38.00
Central Conference, on account of 1907	18.62
Mankato Conference, balance of 1906	18.00
Mankato Conference, in full for 1907	60.00
Minnesota Valley Conference, in full for 1906	36.00
Northern Pacific Conference, on account of 1907	30.00
St. Paul Conference, on account of 1907	100.00
South Eastern Conference, balance of 1906	33.00
South Eastern Conference, in full for 1907	126.00
Western Conference, in full for 1907	38.00
Total	$1.036.75
Total expenses	878.82
Balance	$157.93

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Association of 1906, with small balance due committee of 1905	$94.65
National Council balance of 1906 and part of dues of 1907	314.22
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Half-tones, envelopes and paper	18.50
Printing 1,700 copies of minutes	244.95
Postage, express and stationery of Secretary	41.00
Expenses of Advisory Board	15.50
Total expenses	$878.82

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Treasurer.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 28, 1907.

Audited and found correct Sept. 28, 1907.
JOHN M. NORRIS, Auditor.

Dues of the year 1907 yet unpaid, from the Conferences:

Central	$41.38
Minnesota Valley	60.00
Northern Pacific	32.00
Minneapolis	200.00
St. Paul	94.00
Due National Council for year 1907	$100.00

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

Your Committee have approved bills already paid and reported by the Treasurer and audited by Mr. J. M. Norris to the amount of $878.82.

The estimates for expenses of the ensuing year are as follows:

For National Council	$330.00
Printing and distributing minutes	200.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of next Association	75.00
Expenses of Committees	150.00
Postage, stationery and incidentals	30.00
Total	$935.00

To meet these estimates your Committee recommend an assessment of four and one-half cents per member from the churches, apportioned as follows upon the Conferences for the year 1908:

Central	$60.00
Duluth	32.00
Mankato	60.00
Minneapolis	312.00
Minnesota Valley	56.00
Northern Pacific	58.00
St. Paul	180.00
South Eastern	126.00
Western	40.00
Total	$924.00

F. L. FRARY,
WILLIAM J. GRAY,
HIRAM A. SCRIVER,
Committee.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 30th, 1907.

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REPORT OF VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY.

Rev. Herman P. Fisher represented the State Association as visitor to Chicago Seminary. From his report, which was comprehensive and concise, we quote the following:

I spent some ten days in Chicago, a large part of the time attending the lectures and recitations of the Seminary, and after my stay there, presented a written report to the Board of Visitors.

Significant conditions confront the Seminary as it nears its fiftieth milestone. There are (1) financial retrenchment, and (2) a progressive policy.

Because of the prompt co-operation of the C. H. M. S., in appointing Prof. Graur, Prof. Risberg, and Supt. Eversz as superintendents and instructors in their respective departments; and the appointment of Prof. Taylor as acting president, a reduction in running expenses of $8,400 per annum is attained, and the financial problem is materially relieved.

The curriculum has been adjusted to meet the needs of the field, and the present demands upon the ministry. This revision is meeting with the enthusiastic approval of a large and loyal constituency.

The faculty seemed to be a hard working and devoted body of men.

The students numbered 34 in the Seminary proper, to which may be added those in the Institutes, and the School of Music, making a total registration of 119.

The Seminary aims to educate college graduates for the regular work of the Ministry; while its Christian Institutes train men and women for pastor's assistants and bible teachers.

The Swedish, German and Danish-Norwegian Institutes instruct students for work among their respective nationalities.

The School of Music prepares those who are preparing to do Christian work by means of music.

An atmosphere of physical and mental healthfulness pervaded the entire institution.

The note of courage and of hope was often heard. With the special advantages which Chicago Seminary has for institutional and educational philanthropy, and with her purpose (a) of building up the Seminary course for college men to the highest possible efficiency; (b) of endowing a professorship of Pedagogy; (c) of founding the Curtiss fellowship in O. T. Literature; and (d) of planning a final policy for the Christian Institutes, we have every reason to believe that the Seminary of Bartlett and of Boardman of Curtiss, Chamberlain and Fiske of Montgomery and Mackenzie, will continue and advance in the grand work of preparing men for leadership in the Master's service.

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Appointed Oct. 4, 1906, by the Congregational Association of Minnesota

1. To investigate present methods of the Ministerial Relief Society;
2. To devise, if possible, a better one for providing funds;
3. And to report at the next annual meting of the Association.

To the Congregational Association of Minnesota, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Your Committee have not for a moment entertained their task as a call to look for irregularities. We are happy to bear testimony to the integrity and ability of the Trustees.

The importance of this fund has begun to impress us; its needed size has yet to be realized, with the delicate and sacred obligations upon us for the comfort of those who have felt called to the ministry, have given their best strength, have wrought under the most varied and exacting conditions, and have cheerfully accepted a support involving rigid economy and close care, denial of much that in other occupations is very properly indulged, lack of material, mental and spiritual opportunities which have drained body and mind while it has developed heroism and influence which are the mightiest witnesses to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In our section of the country, with its one-half century old civilization, there are far fewer demands than in the older settled sections.

So far as the present methods have revealed the needs, the funds secured from year to year have met all urgent needs, we are told by a former Secretary.

In 1892, however, the Secretary reported the funds to be insufficient.

Our aim is to simplify the situation and to change the angle of emphasis.

PRESENT METHODS.

Your Committee find that we are working as "The Society for the Relief and Support of Aged and Disabled Ministers and their Families"; that Congregational and Union Churches and Congregational ministers in Minnesota may become members by the annual payment of $1.00, or life members by the payment of $10.00.

The annual meeting is to be held in connection with this Association: six Trustees selected from this membership, shall grant aid to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the gospel, or indigent ministers and their families—the ministers to be members of some local Conference in the State and properly recommended. Other disabled ministers who reside

in the State at the time of application, may also be beneficiaries. A clause in the 1893 revision of the "93" constitution, under which the work has been done, directs that the recipient shall have commenced an annual payment of $1.00 and pledged himself to secure funds.

Article 7.—The Treasurer shall give bonds. The Trustees were incorporated in 1899. The Trustees' reports have been made to this Association, by whom they have been elected.

1. After coming to this meeting the Secretary produced articles of incorporation, by the Trustees, in 1899 of Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota, located at Minneapolis, whose members are the members of this Association, having six Trustees, elected at the annual meetings of this Association, with full power to act for the purposes of the society, subject to instruction, rules and regulation by this Association.

An interesting bit of early history is the report in 1885 of an offer by Hon. E. S. Jones, a Trustee, to provide homes "for life," at Cedar Lake, "for aged ministers and their wives after the age of sixty-five years" by the payment of from $300 to $500 each.

2. The next year our minutes record the enlargement of Judge Jones' plan, and his presentation of a tract of eighty (80) acres, valued at $100,000.00, to the "Women's Christian Association of Minneapolis," with the value of his originally proposed gift assured to our Ministers' Relief Fund. There is no further trace of this gift on our records; and it is said by one whose touch with the work has been official, that there were none then to take advantage of the offered homes or who cared to live there.

One cannot help wishing that this tract of land might have been wholly made use of for this fund.

The records of twenty-five years through a period of thirty years from 1878, show that the recipients annually have numbered from one to seven, the annual grants being from $40 to $400, for all. There is a fund valued at $2,000.00. Payments have been made as gifts—in a few cases as loans.

Sources of income have been gifts and collections from individuals, churches and conferences, interest on investments and loans returned. Most of the conferences have taken an annual offering, also the churches in varying numbers from one to thirty. Individuals in numbers from one to six—a total of not more than twenty-one for twenty-five years—have contributed (according to the minutes of this Association).

1. The Secretary reports as follows: That churches and pastors are delinquent. Their reply is written in the record of the year. The total gifts of individuals would not make a respectable premium account on a single annuity for life.

2. That "the annual payment of $1.00 has been for the most part a dead letter"—for the 14 years since it was decided upon.

3. That the Treasurer has never given bonds as provided for.

4. That grants have been made e. g. in four cases the past year where money has been given from the National Fund—in two cases in larger sums.

5. That grants have been made only to those whose cases are brought to the attention of Trustees by friends or interested parties.

Your Committee have learned of no general effort to secure funds except by appeals to the churches, conferences, and the Association. In all cases of help, most careful consideration is given, and to the extent that funds have been disbursed, we could not ask for wiser or more considerate action than by the Trustees and the Secretary.

The emphasis has been laid upon the support of this fund by churches and pastors. This and a subtle denomination of the charity idea, pervades the reports from year to year.

However it may be accounted for, the fact is, that the response to the appeals of the years has not sustained this emphasis. It is idle to insist upon it in the face of the thirty years of meager response. And while none would want this to be considered a charity fund, it has suffered the fate of such, literally standing in the public places begging with nerve racking discords.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

There will be variant judgments as to the weight and wisdom of past appeals as to the relative merits of State and National funds for this purpose.

None will want the odor of charity about this fund. It should be as National Secretary Rice claims, *"a case of pensions based on service"*— "a debt we owe the valiant soldiers of the Cross."

Minnesota should determine whether to accumulate her own permanent fund or work conjointly with some other State or co-operate with the National Council.

We therefore recommend that this Association appoint a Special Committee to investigate and report at the next annual meeting a plan for co-operating with the National Council Trustees in accumulating a permanent ministerial annuity fund, to be available as soon as possible, and to provide for life for aged ministers, their wives and minor children.

This, in view of the fact that the National Council Trustees expect to propose this year a working plan with which we may wish to co-operate.

For the present needs, we believe the emphasis should be put most strongly on Individual Pledges of small sums, in large numbers, covering a term of years; that all ministers should be solicited; that in the ratio of one to every one hundred members *Laymen* in our churches may be expected to contribute willingly as God has blessed them. This, *in addition to what the churches can do*, should give Minnesota a creditable sum and an annual surplus not unworthy of her prosperity and piety, for the same permanent fund.

We are worse than unbelievers if we do not provide for our own. We have denied the faith. *The emphasis of effort in determining upon the distribution* may properly and profitably be on *a careful search* with the assistance of the proper Conference officers, for those who should be recipients. This has the endorsement of our Secretary.

There can be but one opinion as to a certain and sufficient present supply for the present needs of those that are disabled or are at the western horizon of their career in the blessed ministry of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We therefore recommend further that the proposed Special Committee make an immediate, direct canvass among the ministers and laity of our churches, to raise a Minnesota Annuity Fund, on the following basis:

I will subscribe $5.00 per year for a term of five years, or for as many years of that term as God gives me health and my residence shall be in Minnesota, towards a fund to be collected and distributed annually, by direction of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota; and that the effort be made to become acquainted with the conditions of all our aged ministers in Minnesota, their wives and minor children; providing, in all but special cases, not less than $100.00, or more if their needs and the funds warrant it. This payment is to be subject only to the needs and the amount of money on hand. *The annual surplus over and above all calls shall be paid into the treasury of the National Council Permanent Ministerial Fund.*

The intention is to provide for all present current Minnesota demands without seeking help from the National Fund.

From sixty-seven churches and pastors it seems altogether reasonable to secure 200 subscriptions at $5.00 or more, each, for a term of years. If this should be realized and the offering of the churches and conferences equal their usual sum, we should have the following

FUND.

200 Individual subscribers	$1,000.00
Church offerings	150.00
Conference offerings	100.00
	$1,250.00

This is more than three times the amount ever disbursed in any single year in Minnesota.

Your Committee believe that *the churches should not do less through their offerings*, but that ministers and select laymen will gladly subscribe as proposed.

With such a sum for annual distribution and with a more exact knowledge of the needs to be supplied, Minnesota Congregationalists will begin to measure up to our obligation and will know the joy of doing something that is worthy of our veterans.

With every confidence that Minnesota Congregationalists propose to

care for Minnesota ministers, the above report is submitted, and we would move the adoption of the recommendations included.

CHAS. H. CURTIS, Chairman,
LEAVITT H. HALLOCK,
HENRY HOLMES,
Special Committee.

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REPORT ON WINDOM INSTITUTE.

We shall confine our report to the present work, needs and outlook of this splendid little institution.

First, of the broad field which this school occupies in the work it is doing, not only in the Academic Deparment, but in the grades, coming directly by so doing in touch with the neglected young lives in our isolated rural communities—boys and girls whose education has from one reason or another been sadly neglected until they have reached an age when they are ashamed to take their place beside the children of the same grades and classes in our public schools. There are many such, and to such Windom Institute stands as a house of opportunity. Last year they came from five different states, from the extreme north of Minnesota to the extreme northwestern boundary of North Dakota, the attendance in all departments being 111. This year bids fair to see a goodly increase, a conservative estimate from present prospects placing the attendance of at least 130. Of the number in attendance last year nine-tenths were from homes outside the city of Montevideo. These young men and women receive special attention and are given every opportunity which the institution affords. The work done by this institution is on a par with the best accredited High Schools and is so recognized by all Colleges and institutions of higher education. A glance at the courses of study as outlined in the catalog will suffice to convince one of the work required by Windom Institute; also a glance at the Alumni list will indicate the service which the school is rendering from South Africa to the Philippine Islands.

The present pressing needs of the institution are, *First*, the great need of a new building for a Girls' Hall or Dormitory. At present, which is, of course, very early in the school year, there is only room for two more young ladies in the building. It is entirely safe to say that the student body could be increased threefold if we but had the necessary room and equipment, which would justify a more thorough canvass for students. Shall this need go unsupplied and this great opportunity pass from the Christian people and churches of our Congregational order in Minnesota?

Second, there is a pressing need of better gymnasium equipment. These young men and women are largely from the country homes and farms and therefore accustomed to lives of activity and labor, which makes gymnastic exercise an imperative necessity as soon as the winter months set in, if they are to remain in health and accomplish their best work. The present endowment, which is $42,000.00, does not produce an adequate income, and there is an annual deficit in the payment of expenses, which calls for an increase in our permanent endowment fund. The school is run on a most economical basis in all its departments. The sacrifice indulged in by the faculty is worthy of all praise. It was a matter of interest and pleasure to us during our recent visit to note that the rooms, fourteen in number, had all been replastered, repapered and tastefully decorated and furnished, and further, when the noon lunch hour came, to our surprise we were pressed to remain and break bread with the faculty and students; the occasion as well as the repast was a most enjoyable one. When we had all eaten and were filled and were assured that the meal afforded nothing extra on account of the presence of the guests, but was as usual, we were not surprised at the popularity of Windom Boarding Hall. But a greater surprise was the price of board—$2.00 per week, and with large, well-lighted, steam heated rooms for 75 cents per week. "And what shall I more say? for time would fail to tell me of Gideon and Barak," *and all the other good people and things we saw* at Windom Institute at Montevideo.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. BROOKS,
EMIL J. MILLER.
Committee.

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS WORK AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The report of the Committee on Religious Work at the University must necessarily be at this time little more than a report of progress.

At the State Association last year the report of the Committee was to this effect: That Committees of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational denominations had met in joint session and unanimously agreed (1) that there was need of, and opportunity for, additional work of a religious character on the University campus; and (2) that that increase of religious ministry could probably be best effected by means of an interdenominational plan through which some man of eminent character and ability, possessed of thorough theological training, should be employed both to aid the religious work already being done at the University and to widen this work as the opportunity made possible, thus helping the students into a

deeper and broader religious experience. To accomplish this end the Association authorized its Committee to raise its proportionate share of the requisite money, provided the other denominations were prepared to co-operate in the project.

Now that a year has elapsed your Committee begs leave to say that other joint conferences have been held, the difficulties in the situation recanvassed, the University authorities consulted, the student Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Secretaries interviewed; and, in the light of all obtainable data, the joint Committee at its session, Sept. 26th, resolved again that the proposed plan of last year is still regarded feasible; that we still favor the co-operation of these four denominations, together with such others as may be willing thus to unite; and that we ask our respective denominational State bodies to continue their Committees and reauthorize them to secure from individuals or from the churches their proportionate share of the money involved in the adoption of this plan.

It might also be stated that in the effort to secure exactly the right man for so difficult a position, nominations are being sought from the Secretary of the International Y. M. C. A., Mr. John R. Mott. Such nominations, however, are only for the purpose of bringing candidates before the Joint Committee, and the matter of election, as well as the matter of responsibility after election, is entirely in the hands of this Committee as representing the various churches.

On the basis of this report, therefore, your Committee desires to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* that the General Congregational Association of Minnesota still approves the plan of religious work at the State University outlined by its Committee; and

2. *Resolved,* that this Committee be continued and reauthorized to raise from the churches of our order, in its own way, its proportionate share of the money necessary to carry this plan into effect: provided, that like action be taken by the other denominational State bodies named; and provided, that in the judgment of the Committee no obstacles arise to make such a plan impracticable.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT G. CLARKE,
HENRY HOLMES,
S. V. S. FISHER.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

NINETEENTH YEAR IN MINNESOTA.

There is always an air of romance about the word pioneering—an air laden with the breath of forest, the shimmering exhalation of blue lakes and the undulating vastness of far-reaching prairies. Pioneering in Southern Minnesota is a matter of history already. But pioneering in the vast stretches of Northern Minnesota is an experience of today and of many a tomorrow as well. This paper has to do with pioneering in all this great commonwealth for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ under Congregational banners. For that is specifically the work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society all over this nation—pioneering for Christ's Kingdom.

In this pioneering of the Sunday School Society in Minnesota in the last year beginnings of Christian work have been organized or reorganized in twenty-one communities, nearly three hundred Sunday Schools have been visited and helped forward, approximately one thousand sermons and addresses have been made and nearly five hundred meetings have been participated in and, finally, we add thankfully that over forty-six thousand miles have been travelled by this pioneering force without serious accident, although some degree of peril always follows the frontier traveller. Our pioneering force the last year has numbered seven ministers, several of whom have been supported jointly with the Home Missionary Society. Let us take a glimpse at the character of their work.

In that remarkable circuit work around Mankato we have helped with an appropriation for J. H. Clark. What a demonstration of the possibilities that Mankato work has been under Mr. Heermance. Here was an old, settled region fully cared for at first glance. And here was a church which felt that it had more than it could do to support its own services. Into this situation comes a man blessed with the talent of religious outlook. Today the Mankato church has practically a new house of worship and is building a parsonage. Two assistant pastors are employed the year around in circuits covering six villages and in summer it has been the custom to add students to this working force. Church buildings have been renovated or built new. In this old, well settled section a field for evangelization has been discovered which yields real harvests of converted men and women, and children and young people touched with the beauty of the Lord their God. As a demonstration, only, this Mankato work is worthy of hearty appreciation. We pray for the baptism of that spirit upon all our pastors in these older fields. It is time, is it not, that we looked abroad

beyond the confines of village and city and by Sunday Schools organized, and students employed in summer made our city religion to permeate the country also.

Rev. John F. Okerstein, born in Sweden, but "born again" in America, has carried on his evangel in two languages, in foreign speaking sections of St. Paul and Minneapolis and in the broad belt of timber country from Todd county to the eastern boundary. Among the services he has rendered has been a visitation of the new towns along the "Soo" extension from Glenwood to Duluth. Everywhere there has been, as in other years, the quiet preaching of Christ to individuals as he went on his various tours. How many young people there are who look to him for spiritual guidance only those can know who watch his incoming mail.

Superintendent E. H. Stickney, who fathered many new schools and churches in the Red River valley some ten years ago, has still continued to come to the aid of that part of Minnesota adjacent to Fargo, but has not attempted new work. With the extension of his field into Montana we may not expect much further aid from him in Minnesota pioneering.

Rev. A. S. Parks, although of the Free Methodist persuasion, was employed by the society until May in Hubbard county and along the Minnesota and International Railway. Mr. Parks was, primarily, an evangelist and so it came about that all last winter, amid the deep snows and blockades of Northern Minnesota, Mr. Parks held revival meetings in six or eight communities with helpful outcome. Partly in this way it came about that in the spring we could hand over to the Home Missionary Society, as finished product, the four main points north of Walker and that they could employ a resident pastor -Rev. Mr. Sheets from Iowa.

Away on the northern boundary, isolated hitherto from all his brethren, labors Rev. T. W. Howard, the fifth on this list, and he most surely is a genuine pioneer. A group of five Sunday Schools and preaching stations, remote from one another by difficulties of travel, demands constant effort. We arranged for Evangelist Parks to visit this field during the early Spring and for three weeks the sound of uplifted hymns, fervent prayer, and exhortation echoed through the lonely aisles of those massive forests. With all the coming and going of a restless population, it is difficult to conserve the results of Christian effort on that frontier. But somewhere and somehow we believe His word does not return unto him void.

Patiently in winter's snows and summer's heat, Rev. W. J. Conard travels over his great circuit of three hundred miles in Cass, Aitkin and Itasca counties, ministering in turn to his dozen fields. Here he finds a town election has divided the people and disbanded the Sunday School and there is no way except to go patiently to work and rebuild the broken walls. There the fires of sectarian differences have been blown into a flame by the visit of a presiding elder and patiently again the love of Christ must be lifted above church politics and the people led to unite their effort out of loyalty

to the Master. Each visit to the widely separated fields finds some new problem to be solved tactfully and new courage to be imparted to the workers. In such manner Mr. Conard gently, yet strongly, leads forward these small fields to where they may be taken wholly in charge by the Home Missionary Society.

Back of all this effort must be counsel and planning, money raising and assistance of all kinds. This, with all sorts of demands for Christian help and the immediate work in the cities and round about, makes up the burdens of the superintendent.

So I have tried to hold up a mirror that you may catch the spirit and intense interest in this pioneering for Jesus Christ in Minnesota by the Congregational Sunday School Society. He who sent His disciples into every village and place whither He Himself would come has taken and honored this work in the past and will, we trust, still lead on.

To the Minnesota Woman's Home Mission Union, which has taken so generous an interest in all this pioneering for Jesus Christ in this great state of Minnesota, we extend our hearty thanks: To the Endeavor Societies and Sunday Schools with their loyal help and finally to the pastors and churches who appreciate with their gifts this pioneering work in Minnesota, and especially to Rev. Charles P. Boardman who has undertaken to help with the stereopticon, as our pastors make the occasion, we make our sincere acknowledgments.

But with all this loving interest in the work of pioneering there is an earnest call to Minnesota to come to self-support in her Sunday School missionary work and this would call almost exactly for a doubling of our present gifts to the Sunday School Society. With opening opportunities in the south, southwest, and in Montana and Western Dakota, we need in many cases to give dollars where we have been giving dimes to this pioneering agency. Children's Day this year was rainy in Minnesota. The contributions, as a rule, fell off seriously. We are going to ask the churches to help make up this loss by a special offering this fall. We believe they will do it.

All of this pioneering is not *my* work—it is *our* work, yours and mine—*and His.*

ROBERT P. HERRICK.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

In account with S. V. S. Fisher, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Hennepin County Savings Bank, October 1, 1906	$347.64
Contributions from:	
The State Association	118.89
St. Paul Conference	9.26
Minnesota Valley Conference	7.40
Duluth Conference	5.75
N. P. Conference	8.54
Minneapolis Conference	10.41
Twenty-two churches—named and recorded	210.44
Several churches, not named, special object	129.00
Payment on a loan	5.00
Interest on deposits	6.79
A pastor and his wife	5.00
Rents	122.45
Total	$986.57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants in eight cases	$664.00	
Loan	150.00	
Reprinting envelopes	3.30	
Distributing envelopes	1.70	
Postage	1.00	
Total		$820.00
Balance in Bank October 1, 1907		$166.57

I have examined the foregoing account and the books of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS,
Auditor.

Minneapolis, September 30, 1907.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

SECRETARYS REPORT.

With the close of September the C. M. R. S. of Minnesota completed the eighth year of its corporate life.

No appeal has been made to the churches this year, save by the distribution among the churches of the envelopes which had been prepared.

Twenty-two churches, as against twenty-five last year, have contributed. The amount given this year is $210.44. Last year the aggregate was $144.19. Five Conferences have this year contributed $41.36. Last year six Conferences gave $57.57.

The society's investment brought no returns last year, as the rents for the year were less than were needed to put the property in repair.

This year $122.45 has been added to the benevolent fund. This property has recently been sold for the sum of $2,150. The society is to be congratulated upon this disposal of its property, as the buildings were old, and in constant need of repairs.

A greater demand has been made upon the society's treasury the year just closed than for many years before. Eight grants have totaled the sum of $664.

It is not be expected that in the years to come the calls upon the society's assistance will be as few in number as during the eight years already numbered.

Our state is growing older. Our churches and their pastors are increasing in number. In the natural course of events we shall have more and more veterans to minister unto.

That this society is not needless, and that the help it gives, even in a small way, is help indeed, and much appreciated, extracts from some letters clearly show. The first is from a veteran:

"Dear Brother: Kindly accept my acknowledgment of your very kind letter, received today, with enclosed check, from the C. M. R. S. of Minnesota. Please thank the trustees for their kind consideration of one who now for twenty years has tried to do his best in this state to further the Master's Kingdom.

"As you probably know we have been building a small home, in which, having retired from the active work of the pastorate, we expect to spend the declining days of our life. Please tell the trustees that when your check came, the last dollar we had in the house had gone to pay for materials to complete the same. The seasonableness of your action will be to you apparent. Truly God does take care of those who trust him.

"Most sincerely yours.

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From the wife of a brother minister, who met with a severe accident, came the following words:

"Dear Brother: Let me assure you that my husband and I thank you, with our whole heart, for this kind act. This gift comes to our home as a helping angel at this time. May God bless you and each of the trustees, is our prayer. The Dr. was here this morning, and he says it will be at least three weeks before the bandage can be taken off, but we are hoping for improvement."

Such testimonies could be multiplied.

The trustees whose office expires with this meeting are Rev. W. J. Gray and Dr. Walter N. Carroll.

Respectfully submitted,

S. V. S. FISHER,
Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Year Book for 1907 reports 23,000 members in our Sunday Schools and a decrease of 259 members. This, during a year marked generally by a revival spirit, suggests the necessity of examining ourselves for the purpose of finding possible opportunities for improvement.

To secure reliable data, your Committee printed and distributed a questionaire to every school recorded in the minutes of the State Association, some of which, unfortunately, were lost in the mails, and could not be replaced as our supply was exhausted.

Since only 120 Sunday Schools in the State reported to this Committee, comparative rather than total figures are given in this report.

We confined our investigations to four general fields: (1) Enrollment and Attendance; (2) Church and School; (3) Administration; (4) Financial.

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Home Department is scarcely recognized in our Schools in this State, only 14 being reported.

CRADLE ROLL.

Only a third of the Schools reporting (37 out of 99) on the topic Keep a Cradle Roll.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

A great variance is noted in the manner of electing the Superintendent. A few more than half (57) are elected by the Church, almost as many (41)

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y the School, and a very few (6) have their election only ratified by the Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPORT.

Almost all the schools (101) are self-supporting, 12 being in part supported by the Church, 5 by the Church entirely, and one declaring that it helped to support the Church.

PUPILS ATTENDING CHURCH.

Only in the rural schools is there a respectable percentage of pupils at the Church services. In almost every other place, even in the small town, the proportion is considerably below a quarter of the enrollment.

PUPILS UNITING WITH CHURCHES.

Of the Schools reporting this item, 64 record some additions and 38 none. From the 64 who record additions, 603 pupils were received into the Church.

ADMINSTRATION.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Seventy-six (76) of the Schools reported that they have no "Teachers' Meetings" whatever.

TEACHER TRAINING WORK.

Very few Schools (20) do regular Teacher Training Work.

LESSON HELPS.

By far the greater number of Schools reporting on this topic use the David C. Cook publications.

LIBRARIES.

The establishment of City Libraries is responsible for the noticeable passing of the Sunday School Library, several Schools reporting to that effect.

SUPPLEMENTAL WORK.

Scarcely any Schools are graded for "Supplemental Work."

SYSTEMATIC SOCIAL WORK.

Systematic Social Work seems to be a growing feature of the modern Sunday School, although 79 of our Schools reported that they do nothing of this sort. Those who do this kind of work report a "Zig Zag Club," "Boys' Club," "Girls' Club," "Baseball Club," "Military Club," "Boys' Brigade," "Kings' Daughters," "Sunshine Club," "Knights of the Sunday School," "Knights of King Arthur," and a Greek Letter Fraternity.

FINANCIAL.

BENEVOLENCES.

Of the total amount of money collected, approximately 26 per cent has been given to Benevolences, ($2,400.00 out of $9,136.00). In almost no case was there evidence that the six regular Benevolent Societies of our denomination were presented as the first opportunities for our gifts.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

74 per cent of the total monies collected by our Schools have been spent in maintenance. ($6,736 out of $9,136.)

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee desires to state that all its recommendations hereafter presented are based only upon the reports which we have received, and are those which, we think, have proved to be conducive to the effective work of the Schools in which they have been tried.

Beyond what has already suggested itself in the foregoing, your Committee respectfully recommends:

1. That, for the further study by our people, this report, including the Table of Statistics, be printed in the minutes of this Association.

2. That, in view of the fact that many Sunday School officers were not able to find the statistics asked for, those Schools not now keeping systematic and permanent records, provide themselves with one of the many standard Record Books now in print.

3. That, because our denominational literature apparently being neglected, our Schools make a thorough examination of our denominational Lesson Helps before buying elsewhere, especially in view of the fact that in most instances the prices have been lowered.

4. That, in view of the fact that several hundred volumes are lying idle in our Sunday School libraries, all Schools having Libraries not now in use seek to make disposition of them to neighboring needy churches or Sunday Schools. Failing in their endeavor to do this, they are asked to confer with our State Sunday School Committee.

5. That, since our Sunday Schools are spending almost three times as much on themselves as they are giving away, School officers make a careful comparison between the amount which the School spends on itself and that which it distributes in benevolence and that, for the sake of the future of the Congregational churches, those officers make especial effort to have presented to their Schools all our regular denominational benevolent societies.

6. That the collections for at least one Sunday a month be applied to benevolences, and that a brief missionary program be presented at these times (not to interfere, however, with the teaching of the regular lesson).

7. That the next Sunday School Committee of this Association communicate to the individual Sunday Schools the matters of recommendation in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. PERCY E. THOMAS, Chairman,
REV. HOBART K. PAINTER,
MR. GEORGE H. ELWELL.

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REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF CHURCH OVERSIGHT AND PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The following article constitutes the authority of this board:

(*Article VI. Constitution of General Congregational Association of Minnesota*:)

That it be the function of this board to act as a consulting body, and a bureau of information in regard to all the Congregational interests in the state; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the Advisory Committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to our churches and ministers; to be ready to advise and assist, on application, in the bringing together of churches and ministers, and to act as a bureau of supply; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local committees, or by the churches or ministers; and in general, to aim to consolidate and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the pastorate, and to quicken the fellowship and united action of all.

Provided, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

Acting under this authorization the Board conceives itself as a Committee of Fellowship whose function it is to afford whatever help is in its power, not only in the matter of furnishing temporary or permanent supplies, but in those situations that are frequently arising, where churches and ministers need help and advice without the formality involved in calling a Council. It further conceives itself as entitled, without offence, to proffer to churches and ministers such general suggestions as to church work and procedure as observation and correspondence may bring to it.

The following rules have been agreed upon:

1. *As to Supplies.*—It is expected that supplies sent to churches be compensated as follows:

Where the salary is $700-$1,000, $10.00 and expenses.

Where the salary is over $1,000, one percent of the salary.

Churches not able to pay $10.00 and expenses should make specific agreements.

As to Candidates.—Churches desiring the services of the Board in recommending candidates, will be expected to deal with one candidate at a time, and to definitely act upon the one recommended before applying for a second.

It is also understood that such churches are prepared to extend to an acceptable candidate a call to the pastorate for an indefinite time, either party reserving the right to terminate the relation on a notice of sixty days, or as may be agreed upon.

Blanks have been agreed upon for the use of churches and ministers desiring the services of the Board, which are to be filled out and may be had on application.

Several meetings of the Board have been held and considerable work mapped out. If the suggestions made are found agreeable and feasible the hearty co-operation of pastors and churches will secure happy results throughout our entire field. In addition to the suggested rules covering supplies the Board has arranged and recommends a course of study for candidates for ordination who have not enjoyed the privileges of a seminary course.

COURSE OF STUDY PREPARATORY TO ORDINATION.

PERIOD	A. BIBLICAL SEC.	B. HISTORICAL SEC.	C. PASTORAL SEC.	D. OPTIONAL SEC.
I.	The Gospels; Edersheim or Farrar. The Acts; New Century Bible on Acts.	Church History. Fisher.	Yale Lectures. Beecher. Point of Contract. Dubois.	The Chist of History.—Young. N T. Introducion Dods.
II.	The Epistles; Farrar's Paul and Early Days.	Congregationalism. Dunning. The Council Manual.	Ministry of the Congregation. Kerns. Before an Audience. Sheppard.	The Divinity of Christ.—Liddon. The Supreme Leader.—Denio.
III.	O. T. Prophets; Series by Buchanan—Blake. "How to Read the Prophets."	Theology. Clark.	The Development of the Sunday-School. Row's Evidence.	Inspiration. Sunday. Messages of the Prophets. Foster & Kent.
IV.	O. T. History with Stanley's Lects. on Jewish Church.	Leavening the Nation. Clark. Missions of the American Board.	Yale Lectures. Burton. Inspiration and Authority of the Bible. Clifford.	Yale Lects. on the S. S.—Trumbull. Problem of the O. T.—Orr.

1.—This Course will be preceded by such elementary studies as may seem necessary in individual cases.

2.—Examination papers are prepared for each period. On receipt of written request, endorsed by the Local Conference Committee, enclosing fifty cents for expense, a copy, with the name of the applicant, will be forwarded to the local examiner, who will give the examination.

3.—Pass Certificates will be given for a mark of 75 in Sections A, B, C. Seals will be attached for books in Section D read in the period on which examination is taken.

A sub-committee has prepared and the Board adopted and recommends a "Plan of finance" for such churches as have not yet worked out some scheme of their own. The need of systematic business methods is sometimes painfully obvious and it is hoped that the "plan" will commend itself for simplicity and businesslike methods.

A FINANCIAL PLAN.

The committee make the following suggestions to the churches of the state:

1. That the finances of the church be placed in the hands of a committee, preferably the trustees, which at the beginning of the year, or at some stated time, provide by some system of pledges the amount needed for current expenses payable weekly, through envelopes, or at such other stated times as may be agreed upon. It is a good plan to have a collector for those who do not bring the contributions to the church, or at least that a statement be sent quarterly to all contributors.

2. All bills should be presented to the chairman of the Finance Committee, who should issue orders on the treasurer for the payment of such bills, and keep a record of all such orders.

3. The treasurer should receive and disburse all monies of the church as provided by the trustees, and should pay no bills unless ordered to do so by the trustees. He should keep an account of all money received and disbursed and should make a written report, duly audited, to the church at its annual meeting.

4. As a rule the pastor should have nothing to do in handling the money of the church. Far better to leave this important matter to be managed by business men or women.

5. It seems advisable that each church should have a treasurer of the benevolent fund who shall receive and disburse the benevolences as provided by the rules of the church and that he present a written report at the annual meeting.

6. That the trustees, finance committee and treasurer have regular monthly meetings, thus keeping in touch with the financial condition of the church. The pastor should often be invited to these meetings.

We also call attention to the great and increasing value of church records and urge the most careful record of all special events connected with the church life, work and organizations, calling and dismissing of pastors, and the dates defining their terms of service, names of Sunday School superintendents, and important business transactions connected with the church life.

Again, the board has prepared a form of organization for

"THE CHRISTIAN SOCIETY."

Our missionaries in the field find many out-stations and isolated communities where services should be held and religious work done with the people, rather than for them, but where the formal organization of an independent church is neither possible nor desirable.

Their requests have become urgent for some plan of organization that may unite the different Christian elements of the community, and furnish at least a moral backing, with some training of the people into responsibility, till the time comes for formal church-life.

The following form of organization is suggested. Its chief points are simplicity, breadth and the provision for organic connection with the nearest Congregational Church, by whose pastor its services of worship would ordinarily be conducted. Along with these it provides some training in responsibility for local religious work.

The name "Society" is chosen because historically the term belongs to us, and because with such a name it will be possible to incorporate and hold property if desirable.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

For the purpose of sustaining religious services and furthering good living in this community, until such time as the way may be open for the regular organization of a Christian Church, we whose names are underwritten do associate ourselves as

THE CHRISTIAN SOCIETY OF.....AFFILIATED WITH THE.....
.....CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN.....
and agree with one another to use our best endeavors to carry out such plans of service and helpfulness as may be decided upon by majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.

THE OFFICERS of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually connected with those offices and the following COMMITTEES, which shall consist of three members

each, elected, with the officers already named at the Annual Meeting, and reporting to the Society at each Quarterly Meeting.

A COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP, whose duties shall be to arrange, provide for, and announce, all services of worship or instruction ordered by the Society or deemed advisable by themselves.

A COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, who shall secure by subscription, or otherwise, the funds needed by the Society and deliver the same to the Treasurer. Payments from the Treasury shall be on orders signed by the President and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and shall be reported in detail to the next Quarterly Meeting.

A COMMITTEE OF FELLOWSHIP, who shall arrange for social gatherings, and in other ways foster acquaintance and fellowship among the members. New members shall be introduced by this Committee and received by majority vote of those present at the next regular meeting following.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY for business shall be held on the first .....evening of January, April, July and October.

The meeting in January shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers.

Special meetings for business may be called by the Finance Committee or upon written request of three members. Meetings for Worship and Fellowship may be called by the Committees on the same.

During the closing weeks of the Association year two members of the Board left the state, hence the work has been interrupted. We are convinced that such a Board has a large field of usefulness in strengthening the fellowship of the churches and in aiding them in periods of trial. All that is needed is the hearty co-operation of all.

The Association appropriated one year ago $100 for the year's work of the Board. Of this sum only $15.50 has been used in printing and postage. It is hoped that adequate means may be provided for more effective service in the future. The nearer the Board can get to the churches the better the service it can render. This means something more than postage and printing.

G. S. ROLLINS, Chairman,
GEO. R. MERRILL, Secretary,
F. A. SUMNER,
W. J. GRAY,
E. D. PARKER.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

This report is of necessity brief because some resolutions offered have not come into our hands.

In view of the fact that some Committees of last year have failed to report we urge the Committees of the coming year to be prepared to report fully upon the work which has been assigned to them. We desire to express our joy and gratitude at the increasing wave of temperance reform throughout our State. Especially would we commend the efforts of our Attorney General Edward T. Young and all who had part with him in bringing before the Supreme Court the test case which secured from that body the decision which has counted so extensively for the enforcement of the liquor laws of the State and we desire that this statement be forwarded to Attorney General Young for his encouragement.

We heartily endorse the effort to secure through our legislature a county local option law, and pledge our co-operation in the effort to elect men who are in sympathy with such legislation.

We desire to express our appreciation of the methods and work of the State and National Anti-Saloon League and pledge our hearty co-operation and support.

Our generous thanks are due to the Entertainment Committee of the New Ulm Congregational Church for its pains-taking efforts in so abundantly providing for this meeting of the Association:—to the pastor for his unceasing solicitude for our welfare; to the members of the church for the use of their edifice; to our hosts and hostesses for their unrivalled hospitality; to the press for its sympathetic recognition of our work; and to the citizens of New Ulm for their unusual courtesy and respect.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY E. THOMAS,
WILBUR FISK,
W. F. BLACK.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Fourth Ave. and 22nd St., New York, N. Y.

President—Rev. Charles S. Mills, D. D.
General Secretary—Rev. Hubert C. Herring, D. D.
Editorial Secretary—Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D. D.
Treasurer—Rev. Washington Choate, D. D.

Represented in Minnesota by Rev. George R. Merrill, D. D., Supt.

THE MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. W. H. Laird, President. Rev. C. E. Burton, Vice-President.
Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. Charles E. Burton	Term Expires 1910
Rev. Alexander Milne	Term Expires 1910
Prof. Horace Goodhue	Term Expires 1910
Rev. Samuel G. Smith, D. D., LL. D	Term Expires 1909
Hon. Lowell E. Jepson	Term Expires 1909
Hon. W. H. Laird	Term Expires 1909
Hon. George E. Perley	Term Expires 1908
Rev. E. L. Heermance	Term Expires 1908
Hon. L. W. Gilbert	Term Expires 1908

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "The Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society," and its location shall be in the city of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, in the state of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

The general purpose of this corporation shall be, of itself and in co-operation with the various national Congregational Missionary organizations, to promote the interests of religion, especially in the State of Minnesota, and for that purpose to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, real estate and personal property to hold, use, give, grant and otherwise dispose of the same, and to employ such means and agencies from time to time as may seem expedient.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of this corporation shall consist of the officers and members of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and of such other persons as the Board of Directors of this corporation may from time to time elect.

ARTICLE IV.

The government of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of not less than nine Directors who shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of three years each, but at the first annual meeting one-third of such Directors shall be chosen for a term of one year, one-third for a term of two years, and one-third for a term of three years, so that thereafter one-third of such Directors may be chosen annually.

Said Board of Directors shall choose their own officers, who shall be elected annually and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Until the first annual meeting the following named persons shall constitute the Board of Directors: W. H. Laird, L. E. Jepson, S. G. Smith, Henry Holmes, W. H. Sallmon, A. A. Miller, G. E. Perley, A. C. Anderson, and E. S. Slater; and W. H. Laird shall be President, L. E. Jepson, Vice-President, and George R. Merrill, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held at the time and place of holding the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and the Moderator of said General Congregational Association of Minnesota shall be the presiding officer at such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. Regular Meetings of the Directors shall be held on the fourth Monday of February, May, September and November of each year. The November meeting, which shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers, and the February meeting, which shall be for the apportionment of funds for the ensuing Home Missionary year, shall be held at the office of the Superintend-

ent in Minneapolis; the meetings in May and September shall be held in St. Paul.

2. Special meetings may be called with a previous notice of ten days by the Secretary, and shall be called by the Secretary or Chairman of the Directors at the written request of two members of the Board. The purpose of such meeting shall be set forth in its call.

3. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. At the meeting in February for the making of the Schedule for the ensuing year, and at any special meeting called on the occasion of a vacancy in the State Superintendency to nominate to the Congregational Home Missionary Society a candidate for that office, each Conference in the State shall be entitled to be present by the Chairman of its Home Missionary or Fellowship Committee, and all decisions shall be by the majority vote of those present.

5. At each meeting of the Directors the Secretary shall present in writing a report of the work of the previous quarter; also a list of applications expected during the coming quarter, with recommendations concerning them. In the interval between meetings he may forward such applications to New York with the approval of the Board, within the limits of the action of the previous quarterly meeting.

6. These By-Laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Directors, provided notice of such amendment or change has been given in writing at a previous meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society convened at New Ulm, Wednesday P. M., Oct. 2, 1907, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Warren, moderator of Association, presiding and Rev. Everett Lesher acting as scribe.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Clement G. Clarke. The superintendent, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, presented the report of the work done in the state in the past year and it was adopted and referred to committee on printing. The nominating committee of the association presented the names for the nine directors and they were elected and are as given above. The society adjourned.

Everett Lesher, Scribe.

REVIEW OF THE MISSIONARY YEAR AND FIELD.

BY GEORGE R. MERRILL, D. D., SUPERINTENDENT.

In accordance with the action of the last annual meeting the Directors of the Society have completed its incorporation by filing the articles adopted at that meeting with the Secretary of State and recording the same with the Register of Deeds in Hennepin County, so that now The Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society is a legal person capable of receiving bequests and holding property and securing and expending funds and using any fit agencies or instruments for promoting the interests of religion in the world, and particularly in the State of Minnesota.

In accordance with similar instructions application was made to the Congregational Home Missionary Society to be received as a Co-operating State, which application was granted.

THE FORCE.

Rev. C. B. Fellows has continued as General Missionary and Evangelist; Rev. W. J. Conard has been Pastor-at-large in Itasca County, Rev. T. W. Howard in the Rainy River Valley. Rev. H. P. Fisher closed his service as Missionary in the bounds of the Northern Pacific Conference on account of the withdrawal of the special contribution which had made his employment possible.

The labors of all these brethren have been abundant and fruitful. Seventy-three other men have been commissioned for longer or shorter periods of labor with the churches. Of these sixteen have been men new to the State; five student workers: Prof. S. K. Tompkins, of Carleton College, at Turtle River; C. G. Thompson, Yale Divinity School, at Center Chain; A. E. Shattuck, Yale Divinity School, Lynnhurst; M. Doherty, N. W. Bible School, Winona; T. McMillan, N. W. Bible School, Bellview-Seaforth. Rev. C. P. Boardman from Iowa, 38th Street, Minneapolis; Rev. E. Larke from Mont., Biwabik; Rev. H. M. Pinkerton from Ills., Grand Marais; Mr. G. W. Sheets from Iowa, Backus; Rev. B. A. Warren from Ohio, Sherburn; Rev. T. W. Barbour from M. E., Cass Lake; Mr. Pascal Parks from F. M. Shevlin-Nymore; Mr. C. Eggers, from Disc., Mahnomen; Rev. O. A. Barnes from Wis., No. Branch; Rev. O. C. Clark from Mont., Univ. ave., St. Paul; Rev. G. R. G. Fisher from S. S. Union, Lakeland.

One has been removed from us by death, the honored and loved pastor of the 38th St. Church in Minneapolis, Rev. Geo. E. Albrecht, D. D.; twelve have removed from the state and twelve have been called to self-supporting churches.

THE FIELD.

GENERAL VIEW.

One hundred and twenty churches and stations have been supplied with preaching under the commissions of the National Society. Six fields have been left unoccupied or with only occasional services.

Organizations have been effected with Council at *Backus* and *Grand Marais,* and without Council at *Beaudette.*

Sauk Rapids and *Cable* have formally come to self-support.

Of fields not upon last year's list there are, *Mahnomen, Bell Chapel* and *Forest Street* in St. Paul, *Lakeland, Grand Marais* and *Sherburn.*

Special Evangelistic services were common in the early part of the year and were universally successful so that the churches aided by the Society furnished more than their proportion of the number of accessions reported at the end of the Denominational year.

While it has been possible to keep the fields more generally supplied than in some former years, the number of changes has been considerable and many pastorates have been too brief for the accomplishment of the most satisfactory results. The increased cost of living and the failure of the churches to recognize the necessity of increased support have produced a growing restlessness among the ministers. More than five thousand people are reported to have gone in the year from Minnesota to cheaper lands in Canada. They have gone largely from the central north of the state and generally it has been the most helpful members of our little churches who have been ambitious and fore-handed enough to make the move.

The promise of abundant harvest the present year and a rising tide of religious interest will assuredly do much in the immediate future to correct the tendency that is troubling us. I am more and more impressed that the greatly desirable, if not the urgently imperative, thing for the newer parts of our state is a competent ministry that can stay in its place long enough to have an influence and create a situation.

CO-OPERATING AGENCIES.

The Woman's Home Missionary Union of the State has been as in years previous our most efficient helper, in its generous contributions, without which the successful financial campaign of the year could not have been entered upon, in its wise and persistent processes of education, and in the donations of many boxes of household necessities from the stronger Societies of its constituency. Ministering women of the eastern churches, especially those of the *Mass. W. H. M. Assoc.* have remembered the Home Missionary families of Minnesota with substantial messages of help; the Missionary Society of Wellesley College, Mass., made our work an appropriation of Fifty Dollars and Fifty Dollars came from a friend in Prospect St. Church in Newburyport, Mass.

The Sunday School and Publishing Society has shared in the support of the two General Pastors, Revs. T. W. Howard and W. J. Conard, bearing the larger portion of the expense of the latter.

The Congregational Church Building and Parsonage Society, as always, has had a ready ear to the calls from Minnesota and has a number of them marked immediate upon its waiting-list. To all these co-operating agencies the Society gladly recognizes its obligations and gives its thanks.

The *"Good Will Tent,"* seating 150 people and intended for evangelistic services and for the opening of experimental work in new communities, is a Memorial gift from Mrs. Carrie D. Huntoon, of Moorhead. Although by circumstances beyond our control it was late in getting upon the field this season it has proved its usefulness and much is expected from it. The Tent has been put in charge of Rev. W. J. Conard, to whom correspondence about its use should be addressed.

THE FIELD IN DETAIL.

SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Of twenty-four churches six have been helped by the Society.

Mazeppa and *Zumbro Falls* report through their pastor a year of prosperity, especially at Zumbro Falls.

Waterville, whose pastor is also pastor at Morristown has gained in membership and increases in grace. The pastor who has had continual joy in a noble company of women, has a new joy in being able to repeat the ancient word "I have gotten a man from the Lord."

Taopi and *Rose Creek* for the first time in several years have enjoyed a resident minister, and the presence of Rev. J. B. Thompson among them has been a great blessing. It is due entirely to his devotion to the work that no request for aid has come from this field.

Winona Second presents a problem that has taxed to the utmost the resources of the Fellowship Committee of the Conference, which has given it most thoro attention. What Chalmers would have called "a beautiful field," in the manufacturing end of Winona, in the midst of a growing community, and with the active sympathy of the First Church, it ought to be a flourishing work. The last pastor left things disorganized and discouraged. Mr. Fellows was put in charge for a month, and Mr. M. Doherty of the N. W. Bible Training School followed him for the summer, the Society with the co-operation of the First Church becoming responsible for the expense. During the summer Dea Thresher, the senior deacon and pillar of the church, was removed by death. At the end of five months there is no special gain evident, except that the patient is not ready to die. If the Society were in position to put in $1,000-$1,200 and take full charge and responsibility for the work there is little doubt that it could be made a large success.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Of the nineteen churches of Mankato Conference five are aided during the present year, together with two circuits mothered by the Mankato Church.

Center Chain. A special grant of fifty dollars was made to put a student with this Church, but it is expected that it will be returned to the treasury. Mr. C. G. Thompson, of Yale Divinity School, has had there a good and profitable summer. All that is wanted in this admirable rural field, with its intelligent and thrifty farmers, its comely meeting house and its fine company of young people all ready to be led, is a pastor who is earnest and has cultivation and sense, and can bear to live ten miles from a railway. As yet such a one is sought in vain.

Ceylon, after a season of vacancy is having a six month's pastoral engagement which it is hoped may develop into a permanent relation and the natural condition of self-support.

Ellsworth as heretofore is yoked with an Iowa church.

Granada rejoiced as did all old friends in the return of Rev. W. M. Jenkins, but as he finds himself after trial unable to continue on the field some new provision will have to be made. Here, as in too many communities, the division of the Christian forces gives in place of one strong, self-supporting body that might have influence two or more negligible organizations demanding help from without if only to exist.

Cambria, our one Welsh field, carries its own work well, extends itself to an out-station and does all that is at its hand to do.

Mankato Circuits. Under the inspiration of its Pastor and with the co-operation of the Society the Mankato Church has undertaken to revive the old wastes, and a rural area, which left without religious ministries, would become a sorrow and a menace, has been in process of reclamation. The work of the two pastors of the circuit is a purely missionary one whose full significance will appear later.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

None of the fifteen churches of this Conference have received aid during the past year. This does not mean that in any proper sense they are all self-supporting. *Custer and Garvin* have been unable to find a man; *Lamberton and Walnut Grove* have found a man who so happily unites them that they are content as long as he will stay.

The personal sacrifice of Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Upton has carried the *Springfield-Selma-Comfrey* field. But on Mr. Upton's retirement this month these is no reasonable expectation of finding another man to take the whole of it. When divided into two fields one or both parts will call for Home Missionary aid. Work on this field has been largely successful both in material and spiritual ways, and Mr. Upton's removal is a cause of universal regret.

ST. PAUL CONFERENCE.

Twenty-six churches; five churches aided and three missions.

North Branch and Sunrise, since the coming of Rev. O. A. Barnes, have taken new courage and decided progress has been made in every direction. Services have been maintained at an additional out-station. The goal of self-support does not seem so far away as once it did.

Lakeland some years ago, with Afton, was a field of some fair success and promise. But its isolated position and the inevitable emigration left it very feeble till there came to live in the community the family of Rev. G. R. G. Fisher, then a missionary of the American S. S. Union. The influence of this Christian family, whose members all prophesy, roused interest in Sunday School and among the young people, and the work being helped by an occasional sermon from Mr. Fisher, the time came when it was in Mr. Fisher's heart to leave the S. S. work and minister to them. With a little help from the Society the Church has been revived and in proportion to the size and outlook of the community is in a very prosperous condition.

City of St. Paul. By arrangement with the St. Paul Congregational Union and the co-operation of the S. S. Society, Rev. W. A. Black was placed at the beginning of the year in the *Bell Chapel and Forest St.* missions. In either place flourishing Christian Societies have been organized with Women's Societies, Sunday Schools have increased, attendance at preaching services has grown and the work is evidently already productive of good.

University Avenue. Soon after the last Association, Rev. A. D. Smith severed his connection with the Church and a period of depression followed. The Church was divided, dispirited and in debt and it seemed a question whether work with so many ups and downs have not reached its final down.

General Missionary C. B. Fellows was put in charge for about three months, preaching, holding prayer meetings and doing pastoral work. The result was like life from the dead; debts were paid, divisions healed, people were converted and added to the Church. At the opportune moment the Lord sent to us Rev. O. C. Clark, known as a man with a rare gift for impossible things, and fresh from his great campaign in Missoula, Mont. Lots have been purchased and plans secured for the new Church that is absolutely necessary, and with the sympathy and co-operation of the stronger St. Paul churches, which will be generously afforded, we can see light ahead for University Ave. *Gladstone*, where the Soo shops are located and there is a large community of skilled workmen, has been the special charge of Pacific Church, and services have been regularly maintained by its pastor. The Sunday School has prospered and attendance at the preaching services has been good.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Of the eighteen churches of this Conference seven have received aid during the year.

Belview has been cared for most of the year by Rev. C. C. Adams, Presbyterian pastor at Delhi, whose practical co-operation is heartily acknowledged. Evangelistic services have been held with the aid of Rev. Francis Wrigley, and later by General Missionary Fellows. In June Mr. Thos. McMillan, of the N. W. Bible Training School, was placed in the *Belview-Seaforth* field and the work has so grown on him and he has so commended himself to it that arrangements are being made to have his service continued through the year.

Chokio. Removals have reduced, temporarily at least, the American population below ability to support service without larger aid than can in equity be afforded them. As the German Methodist population is predominant, and one of their ministers in the country near would have a self-supporting field if he could have an appointment in Chokio, and at the same time is a good English preacher and much liked by our people, an arrangement was made with the Presiding Elder to have him supply our Church until the middle of the present month.

Graceville. A succession of poor crops and the establishment in this Roman Catholic community of another service to illustrate the unity of Protestantism, have left our Church with only occasional preaching. A fair harvest this year and a better appreciation of the situation on the part of the community will, it is expected, make the resumption of work possible.

Granite Falls. Rev. Francis Wrigley succeeded Rev. H. C. Todd in this field. There has been persistent work, considerable interest awakened, reduction of Home Missionary aid required, but the long-standing problem of Granite Falls is not solved.

Marietta and Nassau. The exodus from what are deemed the less promising parts of the State, to which this review has had occasion so often to refer, has made this field to suffer more than most. All its resources, in spite of the large growth of the previous year, have been so depleted that it has not been possible to induce any suitable man to as much as consider the charge of it. But the people who remain have kept both their faith and their courage and are hoping still that some man of God will be found to share their lot with them.

MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

Of the forty churches of this Conference nine, with one unorganized field, have received aid.

Brownton and Stewart have half the time of Rev. Jas. Earl, and insist they are better satisfied than they would be with the whole time of any man they would be likely to secure, and are making all the progress they are willing to make.

Gaylord is set in a limited field and in the midst of a predominantly foreign population. Its work for the year has been well done, but it should extend its ministry to Arlington and become self-supporting.

Hopkins, after a period approaching *coma,* has had a hopeful recovery under the attention of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Shelland. The Church building has been moved and improved, a parsonage is in building, a Woman's Missionary Society is in successful operation, a prayer meeting has been instituted. Best of all, there is a spirit of unity and a dispositon to do things such as has not been seen in twenty years of Church life. It is Hopeful Hopkins now.

Milaca has had temporary aid to help it through a troublous time. Rev. Wm. Fletcher, with his earnestness and vigor, is expected to crown the year with an assured position in the community for the Church.

New Brighton, with increased congregations and Sunday School attendance, has felt the need of more pastoral service, and raised the larger portion of the support necessary for it. The industrial development of the neighborhood points to a largr future for this little band of faithful people who in very great discouragements have persisted in maintaining this work. For the past year this Church has been joined with Open Door of Minneapolis, but if pending arrangements between that Church and Plymouth in regard to Drummond Hall are carried out, New Brighton may wisely be joined with Bethany and the field administered with little or no expense to the Society.

Minneapolis Thirty-eighth Street, so sorely stricken in the sudden removal of Dr. Albrecht, has been greatly favored in securing the services of Rev. C. P. Boardman, and with a united people, in a growing part of the city, seems sure of a future that is not very remote. *Minnehaha* finds hardly any limits to its Sunday School work, except its accommodations. The need of increased pastoral work and a larger portion of time than has been given to it have led to its call to Rev. E. C. Lyons, and good results are expected. *Lynnhurst Chapel* has had in residence during the summer, Mr. A. E. Shattuck of Yale Divinity School, whose services have been most acceptable. The lack of a Church building seems the main obstacle in the way of advance. It is expected that the City Union, which has been the promoter of this work, will be able in the spring to co-operate with the people to secure a suitable building, after which there will be rapid and substantial growth. *Bethany* has suffered the inevitable discouragements that accompany the removal of a pastor, and the unsettled condition that follows. But it is in the midst of perhaps the most prosperous and rapidly growing part of the city, its applications for Home Missionary aid are approaching the vanishing point, and with the right leadership it should at once take its place among the self-supporting churches.

Zimmerman has been under the special care of Rev. Mr. Fellows. There have been revival influences and steady growth, which have justified its being, and give good hope for the future.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Eight of the twenty churches of this Conference have received aid this year. *Grey Eagle* has reached its lowest ebb. Deaths and removals have reduced

the membership, the Church building has fallen into a hopeless condition of decay. The United Brethren Church has a fourfold greater membership, but of no great means, a building in good condition but with a debt upon it, and a parsonage. Previous persuasion of our people to unite with the other Church having failed, missionary aid was declined at the beginning of the year.

It was expected that our people would be forced by this to join the United Brethren and the "big stick solution" would once more prove effective. Left to itself, however, the problem worked out in an unexpected way. The two churches entered into a practical federation, using the United Brethren property and calling Rev. A. G. Parks from the Shevlin field as the common minister. Under his wise leading practical questions of difficulty are finding solution. When in the summer Rev. A. G. Washington retired from *Burtrum and Swanville* the people of these places turned naturally to Mr. Parks, and he now has the whole field.

Round Prairie has had a year of usual prosperity. Interest in services has been well sustained and special revival meetings are reported.

Sauk Rapids and Cable have opened a new volume of history. Under the leadership of Rev. W. N. Payne the second half-century in the life of the Church has begun with a thankful declaration of independence of Home Missionary aid, a parsonage has been provided, other improvements made, a good zeal for the work awakened. The yearly schedule will have a strange look, as for the first time in Minnesota's relation to the Society it lacks the name of Sauk Rapids. Surely we all rejoice and bid our brethren God-speed as from the helped they become helpers.

Clarissa, too small in its membership and limited in its field to ordinarily expect a pastor of its own, and too far from other churches to find a yoke-fellow, has been specially favored in having during the year the healing and helpful ministry of Rev. T. W. Gulick. With his removal a federation with the neighboring United Brethren Church in Browerville, whose pastor is much esteemed in Clarissa, seems perhaps the best solution of the problem.

Paynesville, greatly weakened in its numbers and financial strength, has been able to employ Rev. Jas. Earl half his time and has profited by it. The little company left is of a faithful sort and there is a considerable body of young people for whom our work has a distinct ministry that ought to be performed. Services have been well attended, finances have been kept up, prayer meetings have been interesting and additions have been made to the Church.

Starbuck has been without services during the year. In the lack of an American population there seems to be no present call for our work.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Six of the ten churches of this Conference are receiving aid from the Society.

Biwabik, our one station in the mining district, has carried on its usual

work with a good measure of success. The conserving and protecting influence of this mining town outpost fully justifies the continuous expenditure of funds upon it. The removal of the Church building to a more central site will make it more convenient of access and allow of some enlargement of service.

Brainerd Second has had a year marked by some special perplexities, special revival experiences, and improvement of Church property. Pastor Berry has been on the point of giving up, but wisely decided to hold on for the turn of the tide, and the outlook is now unusually good.

Plymouth West Duluth has had years of depression with the community, but with the location of the new steel plant and the incoming of other industries hope for the community is revived again. Though the Church has been greatly weakened by removal so that very few are left to bear the burdens, it will bravely meet the new conditions and prove itself competent to them. The removal of Rev. H. W. Johnson, after a long, severe illness, takes from the State one the keynote of whose life in the difficult fields that have fallen to him has been faithfulness.

Backus. The new Church, an outgrowth of the circuit work of Rev. W. J. Conard, has been recognized by Council, received a pastor from Iowa, Mr. Geo. W. Sheets, secured a house of worship, and with *Hackensack* and other outlying stations affords a field of good promise.

Grand Marais. In response to an urgent appeal from Dr. F. B. Hicks of this place Rev. Mr. Fellows was sent last fall to "view the land." His report more than confirmed the urgency of the appeal. A community of four hundred and more people, a county seat of a county whose mineral resources will presently be developed and where is the last great area of standing pine, with no Church or minister within eighty miles, presented so strong an appeal that it was no easy matter to put it off till March, when by the generous help of a member of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, money was provided to bring a man to the field and care for him for the remainder of the Society's year. At the same time a man was found ready to spend some months in opening the work in Rev. H. M. Pinkerton of Chicago. It took something of the spirit that was in a martyred father to go, while there was yet plenty of winter, to a field requiring six hundred miles by rail and two days of staging to reach it. Work was begun, a Church gathered which has since been duly recognized by Council and taken as a daughter to be fostered into the strong arms of Pilgrim Church, Duluth.

Walker seems well-nigh inseparable from Rev. Geo. Michael and wife, whose steady and faithful service has won the admiration of us all. But the microbe of unrest put in his work and a need of change was realized. But when instant advantage was taken of the proposal of a change to divide the little town religiously and undo the work of years, Bro. Michael's Puritan grit came to the aid of his grace and instead of beginning in a new place he concluded to begin anew in Walker with improvements on the Church building to the value of nearly $500, and with the rallying around him of the best

elements of the community. What the future of Walker is to be we have waited long to know. But it is certain that whatever it is Bro. Michael will have his share in it.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Of its thirty-five fields twenty-one have received direct aid during the year, and much general missionary work has been done within its bounds.

Akeley. Rev. L. D. Arnold holds on his way with improvements to the Church property and increase in numbers, fairly keeping pace with the growth of the town.

Fertile, lessened in numbers by continual removals, is doing its best and is worthy the sympathy and help of its neighbors.

Bagley entertained royally the meeting of the Conference in June and profoundly impressed the visiting brethren with the solidity and honesty with which the foundations have been laid and the open door that is before the Church.

Solway has been taken from the too extensive field of which it had formed a part and has been served with acceptance during the year by Rev. A. C. Woodcock, pastor at Bagley.

Fosston was ministered to for a part of the year by Rev. C. F. Bloomquist, and on his removal to Washington arrangements were made to add to it *McIntosh, Erskine and Mentor,* on which field Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Harris have done faithful and efficient service. The endeavor to divide the McIntosh field by another denomination has been defeated, marked material improvements have been made in the painting of the Mentor building and the furnishing of the McIntosh house with steel sides and ceiling, the work being done largely by the pastor's hands, and the preaching of the Gospel has had fruitage.

Shevlin, Fontenac, Beard, Moose, Alida, Nymore, with some outlying districts, form the field of Rev. Pascal Parks, a field too large for any one man, with poverty and need as great as its size. The missionary journeys over it uncomplainingly, does service that cannot be expressed in figures, and reaps rewards that are not translatable into terms of currency. It is all territory in which but for him there would be no preached gospel. Other denominations will no doubt enter when it shall have been proved that churches can live, but for the present our work is the only witness for Christ.

Cass Lake has had what may be called the usual portion of the Church in a frontier town. The little company of interested Christians who in forgetfulness of personal preferences had gathered themselves for service on the only possible platform, emerging from the strife of titles and the straits of pioneer days was beginning to show some signs of promise, when the denominational bugle sounded and true to previous ingrained habits of obedience three struggling sects divided the little community. Now it is a case of the survival of the fittest, and with the strong elements of the com-

munity at our back and a pastor of energy and resource to lead, we expect to be the survivors. At a recent communion thirteen were received to the Church, and others are to follow; plans have been adopted for the new Church building, and in general things are moving.

Mahnomen, begun less than two years ago in the forest, has completed its new building and arranged for regular weekly services. The prospects are good for a vigorous growth in town and Church.

Hill City has a pastor of its own in Rev. T. W. Gulick, lately of Clarissa, to its own joy and the satisfaction of the County Missionary, Rev. W. J. Conard, in the extreme of whose long-drawn-out field it has been.

Aldrich and New York Mills have had an uneventful year with some progress. Aldrich hopes soon to build.

Lake Park has had only occasional services from the General Missionaries during the year. It seems probable that the new railroad situation may so change the outlook of the town that in the near future a working force may be had.

Turtle River, a hamlet too far from anywhere else to secure services, has had occasional visits from the General Missionary, and has kept up its Sunday School. The removal of the mill took away all but a mere handful of people, but among these left are some most earnest and interested ones. It was a great boon to them that the Society was able to send to them for the vacation Mr. S. K. Tompkins, an instructor in Carleton College, and his ministry among them was rarely appreciated.

THE RAINY RIVER DISTRICT.

At the western end of the district Rev. T. W. Howard has gathered a Church at *Beaudette,* where at the earliest possible moment a resident pastor should be placed. The other stations in the field, which includes most of the valley, have been regularly visited and work in them has been with some encouragement. But the location of centers and very much advance in permanent population waits the advent of the long delayed rialways and the development of the water power.

International Falls. The year has been an exceedingly trying one for our work. The delay of the railroads to reach the town, the slow progress in the construction of the dam and various local causes have conspired to prevent the expected increase of permanent population and have kept the people who are there in a somewhat dispirited condition, and have caused others to leave until a better day should come. On the other hand the advertised prospects of the region have attracted attention to the Falls as a sort of coming ecclesiastical center. Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and Methodists are now in the field in addition to the Baptists and ourselves, and their superior officers have called out their former members who have been in our Church while we sustained the only resident minister in the region. Rev. W. R. McClane, who was ordained in the field, removed in the

spring, and Rev. E. A. Mirick has been holding the fort in the midst of the deferred hopes of discouraged people and the denominational rivalries that have been imported. He has kept the Reading Room open in our humble "shack" in the midst of the saloons near the river front, where it has been the only decent place open to a young man. In the little back room, which is his study, parlor, bed room, etc., more than one has found peace and pardon in the old way, through the cross. He has buried the dead and comforted the living and preached the gospel to the few who cared to hear. At

Ranier three miles away, the new town of the D. V. & W. R'way, he has opened the way for services. This road has reached the border and the M. & I. will probably do so eventually; sometime the dam will be finished, the great mills will be in operation and Koochiching Co. will be the home of ten thousand industrious and permanent citizens who will appreciate and support the ordinances of religions.

But it will be several days first. Meanwhile for the well-being of the State we ought to continue, and if need be increase our share of the purely missionary work that is needed, although so far as any permanent monument is concerned it may continue to be putting money into a hole.

I call upon the churches of Minnesota to honor the men who are doing the pioneer work of our day, Michael, Arnold, Woodcock, Harris, Howard, Conard, Mirick, Barbour, Parks, Gulick, Pinkerton, Johnson, Larke, Lindley, Sheets and others.

They and their devoted wives, whose is the heavier end of the missionary cross, in self-denial and faithfulness, apart from the applause of men, and with support altogether insufficient and meager, are building the defences of the frontier and laying foundations on which, with scant acknowledgment of them it may be, the future is to be built. Every year increases the honor I give them and the respect in which I hold them. God bless them every one.

THE FINANCES.

At the annual meeting a year ago we were reported as in the midst of "an honest effort to do our own work ourselves this year." The blessing of God was upon that effort made with a sense of its boldness and a deeper sense of dependence upon Him.

When the books of the Society closed at New York on the 31st of March it was found that there had been received into the treasury from Minnesota, Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-seven Dollars; One Thousand and Fifty Dollars had been expended in the State without passing through the national Treasury; Four Hundred and Fifty-five of the Five Hundred Shares offered had been taken, although Seven Hundred and Ninety-three Dollars came in too late to be reckoned on the receipts of the year at New York. The actual total of Minnesota gifts for the year was Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars, and for the first time since sixty years ago the American Home Missionary Society began its work in the then unorganized territory.

MINNESOTA HAD PAID ITS OWN BILLS.

When in February last the representatives of all the states from Maine to Texas gathered at New York to plan for the present year, this result was by no means assured, and the Superintendent did no boasting concerning Minnesota. There was, however, on the part of all the rest of the country an expression so positive and persistent that it was more than a little embarrassing, that Minnesota must be treated as no longer a baby to be carried, but as fully grown up, and must henceforth take care of itself and begin to assume some share of the family responsibility.

The present Home Missionary Year began therefore with the evidence from last year, that even under conditions not altogether favorable and with not a little feeling that the attempt would come to confusion, we can pay our own bills; and with a pretty positive assurance from those who had hitherto been supporting us, that we were expected to take care of ourselves.

Six months of the year are gone; what is the situation? The Schedule for the year made by the representatives of whole State after the most careful scrutiny of the situation and allowing for only such enlargement as cannot be escaped, calls for Thirty-six Hundred Dollars more than was raised last year. Translated into the terms of our Share Method, this means Six Hundred Shares of Twenty-five Dollars each. Up to date one-half of these have been subscribed. The receipts at New York up to Sept. 1 had been over Five Hundred Dollars in advance of the same period last year.

It certainly looks as if we could. But lest we should feel too easy about it, you must learn that last year at this time 372 shares had been subscribed as against 302 today; and that last year there were some large gifts in the last half of the year from individuals that cannot be reasonably expected this year.

This is the *sum of the matter*: Three Hundred more pledges for the remaining shares are wanted at once. If the churches that have made no pledge since April 1 will do so at once, each one doing what seems to it under all the circumstances its fair share; if the men and women who are prospering in Minnesota's magnificent increase will bethink themselves and give thanks with their shares it will be done.

Then all subscribers and especially treasurers of the churches must see to it that the pledges are collected and checks sent to the Superintendent before March 1, 1908.

The vote of the Society at the last annual meeting was that if the amount expended in Minnesota during the current year should be raised in the State we should look to self-support and the relation to the Society of a Constituent State as early as 1910.

As the figures show that the condition has been met it is essential that we should be seriously making preparation for the great event. That preparation will include at least two things.

1. Of foremost importance is the creation of steady sources of revenue whose inflow into the Treasury we shall have to set up shall be dependable and regular. Heretofore it has made no difference whether any money from Minnesota was in the treasury or not; when the aid promised the churches was due the drafts were forwarded. Self-support means that the money will have to come into the Minnesota treasury before it goes out to Minnesota churches. To secure this we need system on the part of the churches; times of remittance that can be banked on. Pastors need to take this up with their committees and churches, and so furnish the Society a basis that can be depended upon.

2. There will be months of the year when naturally the inflow to the treasury will be small; there will be emergencies not foreseen in the draft for the year. If missionaries are promptly paid, money will have to be borrowed at bank for which security will be necessary. For these purposes we ought to secure as speedily as possible a General or Emergency Fund, the income of which only shall be used in the work, and that should ultimately be not less than $50,000. What large-visioned and great-hearted man or woman will lay the state under obligation for all the coming years by establishing and giving a name to such a fund?

As we look forward to the assumption of our own responsibilities there are practical questions that must be settled and that should have so much previous thought that when the time comes we may settle them advisedly.

The articles of our incorporation are singularly broad and liberal. How shall we construe them in practice? How widely shall the Society by treaty with the National Societies assume the management of its own benevolences?

For instance, at present our contributions to the American Board are all that can be gotten from us by pressures of their organization without any regard to whether the Church Building Society or the Sunday School Society, both of which are spending money in the state, receive any recognition or not. Shall we, as the churches organized for the all-around work of the kingdom, proceed as our incorporation allows us, to arrange with the Board for a definite portion of the denominational responsibility in its field, such as all things considered is our share, and support it through the agency of the Board? That would be to return the Board to its original place as a channel of the gifts of the churches and would magnify what has so far seemed our most successful unit of work, the State organization. So in regard to the other societies.

In the work in our own State shall we try to carry an even hand between the purely missionary and evangelistic, and the building up of self-supporting centers? On which shall the emphasis be placed, and in what proportions?

Shall the State be treated for missionary purposes as a unit or shall particular regard be shown to conference divisions and to part of the State as compared with part?

These are samples of practical questions on which at first men will differ and on which we need to be getting our bearings.

Ours is a magnificent field, with a whole century at least of development before it, and other centuries beside, as we hope, of influence and power. The seriousness of our present position is that in the next few years we are shaping the policy and fixing the lines of development for the vast coming time. We must see something more than today. I am not pleading for any wildness of enthusiasm but for that perfect sanity of vision that takes in from the place where it stands a full half-circle.

We have been borne up and carried by our fellow Christians of the East with a large generosity and a patience almost excessive. The providence of God and the unmistakable voice of those on whom we have depended, join with that great prosperity and increased wealth of the State, which our orators and newspapers never weary exploiting, to compel us to the great and serious task of building up on foundations already laid the fabric of a church broad enough to shelter all who call Jesus Christ Master and Lord and are trying to do the things that he says;—a church every form of whose life, and every peculiarity of whose fellowship, works to bring men next God, without any intermediary, and so to brace the sense of responsibility, and of the sacredness of all action, which are our heritage and the security of our civic life.

Oct. 1, 1907.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union was held at New Ulm, Minn., Wednesday, October 2nd, 1907, convening at 9 A. M. The President, Miss C. W. Nichols, St. Paul, presided, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The following annual reports were read and accepted.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, Minneapolis, read by Mrs. A. D. Adams, Waseca; Children's Work, Programs, and Bureau of Exchange, Mrs. Rosa M. Dunlap, St. Paul, read by Mrs. Walter H. Nugent, Minneapolis. Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Bristoll, Minneapolis. Auditor, Mrs. D. P. Jones, Minneapolis, read by Mrs. Chas. H. Wingate.

In absence of Mrs. M. B. Morris, Minneapolis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the report was presented by Mrs. A. B. Upham, St. Paul, and the officers were unanimously elected.

It was with regret that the nominating committee found it necessary to present a new name as President, Mrs. Walter H. Nugent, in place of Miss Nichols, who had served the Union so faithfully, for seventeen years; but who on account of ill health was obliged to lay down the work which had grown so dear to her. The report being accepted, Mrs. Upham presented our new President, Mrs. Walter H. Nugent, whom we all welcomed with the Chautauqua salute.

An address by Miss Olive Gibson, our teacher at Leboyeta School, New Mexico, gave us a very clear idea of how the people live, and what some of the difficulties they as teachers have to contend with. Their school numbered ninety-six pupils, ages ranging from two and a half, to twenty-five years, with only two lady teachers.

On Thursday morning at ten o'clock the Union met with the State Congregational Association, and listened again to a most interesting talk by Miss Gibson.

MRS. C. H. WINGATE,
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REPORT OF THE BRANCH HOUR.

The hour with the State Association came Thursday morning, Oct. 3rd. The President, Miss Margaret Evans presided and made the opening address after which Mrs. A. E. Dean, of Northfield, spoke of her work in her last years in India.

The summary of pledged work taken by Minnesota for year 1907-1908 is as follows:

Miss M. J. Barrows, Kobe, Japan	$625.00
Personal allowance	160.00
Miss E. S. Hartwell, Foochow, China (taken)	500.00
Personal allowance	90.00
Miss O. M. Vaughan	418.00
Personal allowance	36.00
Bible Women (taken)	276.94

Shares in salaries of missionaries $25 each.

Bridgman School (expenses) shares, $25.00 each	500.00
Teachers in India	240.00
Teachers in Mexico, San Mignel	50.00
Kobe College Building Fund (dormitory)	500.00
Kobe College School for Bible women	300.00
Kobe Women's Evangelistic School	170.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Pupil in Boarding School, Vadala, India (taken)	15.00
Expenses at Boarding School, Rahuri	33.33
Factory Girl's Matron, Japan (taken)	30.00
Attending annual meeting, Pang Chuang	30.00
Incidental Expenses, Pang Chuang	15.00
General Fund	245.73
Expenses new missionaries	500.00

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Y. P. S. C. E. Miss Moulton's salary	500.00
Young Ladies' Societies, Bridge	200.00
Boarding School in India (taken)	15.00
Regular items of	225.00

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Pupils in schools (taken)	225.00
	$6,000.00

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.: 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Oehler	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.: 14.
51	06	Minneapolis	Dean W. S. Pattee	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LLD., Luke 12: 15.
52	07	New Ulm	Rev. Willis A. Warren	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.

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Rev. C. Seccombe ..... 1856—1870.
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Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson ..... 1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers ..... 1901—

THE CONFERENCES.

I. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Sauk Rapids, June 16, 1908.

REGISTRAR: A. M. Welles, Sauk Center.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. C. A. Billig, Geo. L. Treat.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	195	Dea. George L. Treat	Alfred A. Secord.
Big Lake	86	Albert J. Johnson	A. G. Washington.
Burtrum	26	Mrs. J. M. Ward	Avery G. Parks.
Cable, St. Cloud, R. F. D. 1	29	Mrs. James Orr	Wilbur N. Payne.
Clarissa	13	Mrs. L. D. Thayer	
Clearwater	73	Miss Grace M. Whiting	
Culdrum, Swedish	30	J. A. Rylander	C. R. Bloomberg (a).
Glenwood	98	Fred Calmeyer	Walter A. Snow.
Grey Eagle	21	Mrs. C. McClintick	Avery G. Parks.
Hasty	29	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon	
Little Falls	212	Mrs. O. C. Trace	Clinton A. Billig.
" " Swedish			
Monticello	13	E. A. Williams	(H. C. Payne, Lic.)
Orrock	4	Miss Grace Craig	
Paynesville, New Paynesville	96	George S. Bosworth	
Pillsbury			
Round Prairie	69	Howard F. Copp	J. Frank Locke.
St. Cloud	83	Louis Olson	Ernst V. Bjorklund.
Sauk Center	188	James A. Norris	F. H. Oehler.
Sauk Rapids	51	Mrs. Julia Coates	Wilbur N. Payne.
Starbuck			
Swanville	8	Mrs. Belle Flood	Avery G. Parks.
Upsala	105	Gust Nelson	M. K. Wikholm.
Villard	60	D. W. Shear	(Walter V. Finch, Pres.)
Wondel Brook	27	C. A. Berglund	Nels J. Bolin.

(a) Little Falls.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—David Donovan, Theodore W. Gulick, George F. Morton, William H. Owen, George Porter, Edward N. Ruddock, John Rood, Charles M. Stevens.

II. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Pilgrim Church, Duluth, May 26, 1908.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. George Michael, Rev. James L. Jones.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitken	60	Miss Della Jones	
Biwabik	20	Dr. Charles W. Bray	
Brainerd, First	99	J. W. Flickwir	
" Peoples	46	Mrs. J. B. Lawrence	(J. E. Berry, Lic.)
Duluth, Pilgrim	419	Fred R. Leroy	Alexander Milne.
Duluth, West, Plymouth	65	R. M. Weaver	J. A. Lumley.
Hill City	15	E. C. Thurston	Theodore W. Gulick.
Walker	29	Rev. George Michael	George Michael.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Ernest A. Allen, Harry W. Johnson, James L. Jones, Jeremiah Kimball, E. A. Mirick, Henry H. Stutson, Henry M. Pinkerton.

III. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Freeborn, May, Tuesday nearest full moon.

SECRETARY: Rev. T. A. Dungan, Fairmont.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. A. D. Adams, Rev. J. E. Evans, Rev. T. A. Dungan.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade (a)	94	Mrs. Frank Jefferson	George E. Brown.
Center Chain (b)	22	Miss Myra L. Shipman	
Ceylon	53	Miss Emma Andrews	L. Kirk.
Edgerton	97	Mrs. L. A. Gulick	R. E. Roberts.
Ellsworth	33	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	
Elmore	50	John Carlson	
Fairmont	201	Mrs. A. Hyatt Smith	T. Arthur Dungan.
Freeborn, Cream	73	Mrs. Abbey Olson	Wilbur Fisk.
Freedom	17	Dea. Samuel O. Garlick	Charles L. Hill, (c).
Granada	53	Dr. W. H. Gaugh	
Kasota	34	Oscar Anderson	Carl G. Anderson.
Mankato, First	164	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	Edgar L. Heermance.
Mankato, Second	66	William Anderson	Carl G. Anderson.
Mapleton	112	Louis W. Krueger	
New Richland	34	Mrs. C. A. Wagner	Vaclav Prucha.
Salem, Cambria	64	Henry J. Hughes	Thomas L. Griffith.
Sherburn	73	Geo. A. Sutherland	B. A. Warren.
Waseca	119	Casper Wood	Allison D. Adams.
Worthington	97	George O. Moore	

(a) R. F. D.-6 (b) R. F. D.-3 (c) Janesville R. F. D.-3

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Allison D. Adams, George E. Brown, Elijah Carter, Otis D. Crawford, T. Arthur Dungan, John E. Evans, Thos. L. Griffith, Wilbur Fisk, Edgar L. Hermance, C. L. Hill, B. A. Warren, Richard Watt, Albert S. Willoughby, F. L. H. von Lubken, (J. H. Clark, Lic.).

IV. MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Park Ave. Church, Minneapolis, May 5, 1908.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, 2425 1st Ave. S., Minneapolis.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. H. K. Painter, J. M. McBride, Harlan P. Roberts.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	151	Edward L. Curial	Edwin Ewell.
Brownton	60	Mrs. John S. West	
Elk River	145	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	Alexander E. Cutler.
Excelsior	152	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Carl J. Swain.
Fair Oaks	8	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	
Gaylord	59	Miss Lydia A. Strebel	O. W. Roberts.
Glencoe	150	L. W. Gilbert	Fred L. V. Meske.
Groveland, Minnetonka	10	Mrs. Ida C. Waters	Carl J. Swain.
Hutchinson	193	Henry D. Boorman	Albert R. Brown.
Minneapolis, First	607	Albert B. White	Clement G. Clarke.
" Plymouth	950	Edward A. Strong	Harry P. Dewey.
" Park Avenue	637	William M. Bristoll	S. B. Nelson.
" Pilgrim	610	E. C. Scarborough	
" Vine	134	Miss May Kirtland	George B. Barnes.
" Como Avenue	146	George M. Furber.	Hobart K. Painter.
" Union, St. Louis P'k	63	Mrs. Joseph Hamilton	Rowland S. Cross.
" Open Door	128	Mrs. Ernest N. Behnke	Walter G. Carlson.
" Lyndale	553	Benjamin F. Coffin	Charles E. Burton.
" Fremont Ave.	288	Howard Treadwell	Charles A. Hilton.
" Fifth Ave.	268	Dea. A. M. Burch	Walter Henry Nugent.
" Mizpah, Hopkins	35	Mrs. H. D. Truman	J. C. Shelland, Meth.
" Bethany	127	A. H. Perry	
" Robbinsdale	102	Miss Ethel Russ	Donald G. Colp.
" Lowry Hill	352	Daniel C. King	Henry Holmes.
" First Scandinavian	28	Dea. Olaf Strand	Andrew Hjortaas.
" Oak Park	116	Mrs. A. H. Cheese	Luther C. Talmage.
" Forest Heights	159	H. P. Hamilton	Stanley M. Humby.
" Temple, Swedish	292	Alex. Lofgren	Alfred P. Engstrum.
" Thirty-Eighth St.	81	W. D. Fanning	Charles P. Boardman.
" Edina	20	Miss E. G. Docken (a)	Rowland S. Cross,
" Linden Hills	268	Noble N. Alvord	William H. Medlar.
" Minnehaha	25		Eli C. Lyons.
Milaca	45	E. L. Kingsbury	William Fletcher.
New Brighton	17	Mrs. Frank S. Gregson	Walter G. Carlson.
Princeton	68	E. McMillan	Geo. A. Swertfager.
Sandstone		August Walden	Emil A. Anderson.
Silver Lake	93	Frank Totusek	
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	53	Mrs. H. Berglund (b)	Carl F. Olson.
Stewart	25	P. H. Kraeme	James Earle.
Wayzata	78	J. M. Davies	D. T. Black.

(a) Minneapolis Station F., R. F. D.-2 (b) Princeton, R. F. D.-3

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Eben M. Betts, Carl B. Bjuge, Alden H. Clark, Charles B. Fellows, Samuel V. S. Fisher, Robert P. Herrick, Daniel H. Magnus, Maurice P. Morris, George R. Merrill, Andrew P. Nelson, Jarius L. Nott, John F. Okerstein, Henry W. Parsons, Henry A. Risser, Alvah D. Roe, Samuel J. Rogers, Ernest W. Shurtleff, Arthur H. Tebbets, W. A. Vrooman, Daniel E. Wilson, Henry K. Wingate, James W. Danford, P. C. Cool, Leavitt H. Hallock, David A. Richardson, Vaclav Prucha, David P. Olin.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

ANNUAL MEETING, Ortonville, May 26, 1908.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, Rev. S. S. Siebert, Rev. W. J. Brown.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	CLERK	MINISTERS
Appleton	75	Mrs. Bernard Johnson	
Belview	33	Mrs. B. Simpson	(Thos. McMillan, student)
Benson	96	Mrs. W. A. Foland	S. Heath.
Campbell	80	Mrs. C. C. Maechler	
Chokio	15	R. A. Johnson	
Correll	15	Mrs. E. J. White	
Dawson	134	Joseph C. Dale	Kimball Clark.
Graceville	41	Mrs. C. S. Pierce	
Granite Falls	38	Carrie D. Barnes	Francis Wrigley.
Hancock	97	Mrs. O. J. Hill	John Peters.
Madison	113	Sever T. Northgaarden	S. S. Siebert.
Marietta	66	F. C. Grow	Arthur Davies.
Montevideo	158	Andrew M. Parks	
Morris	131	Dea. D. T. Wheaton	Norrison E. Hannant.
Nassau	22	A. B. Smith	Arthur Davies.
Ortonville	123	Ralph Burton	
Seaforth		D. H. Patchen	(Thos McMillan, student)
Tintah	52	Mrs. Winnie E. Putnam	

* Dismissed June 1907.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—* D. Otis Bean, William J. Brown, Clement M. G. Harwood, Eli C. Lyons, Fred L. V. Meske, J. P. Keeling, J. L. Hanna, Jacob K. Schultz, Otis A. Starr.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Fergus Falls, June 18, 1908.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Geo. E. Perley, Moorhead, A. A. Miller, Crookston, Rev. E. L. Brooks, Fargus Falls.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Ada	58	Fred L. Hampson	Henry Symons.
Akeley	49	Mrs. Geo. P. Van Cleve	Lewis D. Arnold.
Aldrich	25	Mrs. Hattie Ham (a)	E. E. Lindsley, Wadena.
Audubon			
Argyle			
Bagley	35	G. H. Fuller	Edmund Larke.
Barnesville	84	W. A. Lindquist	John T. Killen.
Beard (b)	30	Mrs. Nancy E. Nelson	Pascal Parks. (e)
Bertha	16	Dea. H. O. Legro	Supplied.
Cass Lake	29	L. M. Lange	T. W. Barbour.
Crookston	89	Dea. Wm. L. Vannet	Josiah P. Dickerman.
Detroit	81	Miss Bessie L. Furber	
Felton	10	Mrs. O. Jones	
Fergus Falls	125	Dea. Peter Winsor	Edward L. Brooks.
Fertile	16	G. J. DeMars	
Fontenac	18	Frank M. Taber (c)	Pascal Parks.
Fosston			
Glyndon	48	H. L. Webb.	
Hawley	76	Dea. Adna L. Colburn	H. J. Taylor.
Kragness	27	Gustave K. Gunderson (d)	W. H. Gimblet, Fargo, N D
Lake Park	20	Miss Ellen Smith	
Maplebay	7	Mrs. L. A. Hunter	
Mahnomin	17	Mrs. Katherine Sanders	Supplied.
McIntosh	9	Mrs. N. Yetterberg	Harry R. Harris.
Mentor	7	Mrs. Martha Snediker	(Mrs. Emma E. Harris, Lic)
Moorehead	116	Mrs. Fred Stalley	George A. Traut.
New York Mills	13	Mrs. Jessie Miller	Edwin E. Lindsley.
Nymore	7	Mrs. Addie Martin	Pascal Parks.
Park Rapids			
Pelican Rapids	61	Mrs. H. Palmer	A. C. Woodcock.
Shevlin	10	Mrs. F. H. Jackson	Pascal Parks.
Staples	74	Mrs. T. J. Sharkey	Corwin Vincent.
Turtle River	5	Cassius M. Booth	Supplied.
Verndale	10	Miss Clara McMillan	
Ulen	10	Mrs. Lewis Lotgren	Supplied.
Wadena	140	Dea. John Liddell	William Bockoven.

(a) Verndale (b) Oberg, Clearwater Co. (c) Schoolcraft (d) Moorhead R. F. D.-1 (e) Leonard

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Richard H. Battey, William J. Conard, Herman P. Fisher, Lewis C. Frost, William Griffith, John L. Martin, H. O. Hammond, Oscar M. Smith, John W. Todd.

VII. ST. PAUL CONEFRENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Cannon Falls, May 20, 1908.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Cornelius Richert, St. Paul.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: W. J. Dyer, Rev. C. C. Campbell, L. A. Straight, St. Paul; Rev. J. H. Albert, Moderator, Faribault, ex-officio; Rev. Cornelius Richert, Register ex-officio.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Cannon Falls..	112	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford.....	Josiah L. Keene.
Cannon Falls, Swedish....	31	Gust Wolander.....	(F. G. Haggquist, Sw. Cov't.)
Cottage Grove.	70	John P. Furber.....	
Faribault.	418	Prof. J. J. Dow.....	John H. Albert.
Lake City, First	216	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher.....	Willis A. Warren.
" " Second	61	E. S. Anderson.....	Samuel Peterson.
Lakeland	18	Miss Anna Rockstroh.....	(G. R. G. Fisher, Pres.)
Marine Mills	10	Percy Empson	Supplied.
North Branch.	23	C. H. Westerman.....	Orville A. Barnes.
Northfield	647	Miss Agnes E. Page.....	Edwin B. Dean.
St. Paul, Plymouth.....	227	Warren Upham.....	Clement C. Campbell.
" " Pacific.....	250	John M. Boxell..	
" " Atlantic	125	Walter Rasmussen.....	Matt Evans.
" " Park	379	Howard L. Collins..	
" " St. Anthony Park.....	221	Henry L. Hunter.....	Edwin S. Pressey.
" " Bethany	109	E. J. Souther.....	
" " Olivet, Merriam Park.	142	F. C. Felthouse.....	William J. Gray.
" " South Park.....	69	Miss Emma Beards.....	
" " Peoples	624	Leonard A. Straight...	Samuel G. Smith.
" " University Ave.....	42	Miss Stella C. Winge.....	O. C. Clark.
" " Hazel Park.....			
" " St. Paul Congregational	80	Adolph Koerner.	Cornelius Richert.
" " Cyril Congregational..	34	Joseph Shejnoha.....	Charles J. Treka.
Stillwater	101	Miss Edna L. Parsons....	W. M. Evans.
Sunrise.....	.....	.....	Orville A. Barnes.
Wabasha		Dr. C. H. Robinson..	W. H. Short.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Samuel W. Dickinson, David J. Jenkins, George Huntington, Alexander McGregor, William Oehler, William H. Sallmon, James W. Strong, Alexander D. Smith, A. A. Secord, J. H. B. Seliger.

VIII. SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Plainview, May 12th, 1908.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Jessie Buswell, Mantorville.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Chas. H. Curtis, Rev. F. E. Knoph, Rev. Everett Lesher, C. Knapp, Everett Jones, J. A. Sawyer.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Austin	453	E. H. Sterling	Frank E. Knoph.
Claremont Street (a)	20	Mrs. Sophia S. Dodge	L. L. Sowles.
Dexter	26	Mrs. Jennie Shuman (b)	C. Bain.
Dodge Center	100	Miss Anna E. Stockman	Langdon L. Sowles.
Grand Meadow	38	William D. Lockwood	C. Bain.
Lyle	80	William Nordland	Charles A. Ruddock.
Mantorville	166	Mrs. Jesse Buswell	Jesse Buswell.
Mazeppa	47	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	
Medford	79	Daniel A. McKinley	Paul Winter.
Morriston	45	Mrs. W. B. Adams	James D. Mason.
Owatonna	270	J. A. Sawyer	Everett Lesher.
Plainview	117	Bernhart E. Rohweder	William E. Griffith.
Rochester	289	J. W. Soule	Charles H. Curtis.
Rose Creek	18	F. G. Ray	James B. Thompson.
Spring Valley	234	Dea. W. L. Kellogg	Horace S. Wiley.
St. Charles	112	Albert F. Kuebler	Owen L. McCleery.
Stewartville	159	Miss Midge E. Tuttle	J. L. Jones.
Taopi	6	Dea. W. F. Davis	James B. Thompson.
Waterville	28	Mrs. R. C. St. Germaine	James D. Mason.
Winona, First	366	George Baumgartner	Percy E. Thomas.
" Second	61	Mrs. S. W. Duncanson	
" Scandinavian	37	Morten L. Moe	
Zumbro Falls	32	Dea. Pratt Drinkwater	
Zumbrota	119	Miss Nettie M. Barrett	Henry C. Todd.

(a) Dodge Center, R. F. D.-3

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—William M. Jenkins, E. Winthrop Janney, Charles H. Moxie, Arthur H. Pearson, S. B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright.

IX. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Marshall, May 26th, 1908.

REGISTRAR: Rev. John H. Hjetland, Winthrop.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. M. S. Hartwell, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Rev. J. S. Rood.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Comfrey	16		
Cornish, Winthrop	13	C. W. Anderson, Gibbon	John H. Hjetland.
Custer, Garvin	9	Rees Price	
Garvin	28	W. W. Jones	
Lake Benton	45	Amos Porter	
Lake Stay, Arco	29	Mrs. Edward Blegen	David T. Jenkins.
Lamberton	36	Dea. A. A. McLeland	F. S. Atwood.
Marshall	202	Walter Little	Minot S. Hartwell.
New Ulm	69	Herman Held	Edward F. Wheeler.
Selma, Comfrey	45	F. D. Dewey	
Sleepy Eye	209	W. A. Anderson	John S. Rood.
Springfield	78	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe	
Tyler	38	E. M. Erickson	David T. Jenkins.
Walnut Grove	89	Fred W. Schauer	F. S. Atwood.
Winthrop.	55	Mrs. Anna A. H. Hjetland	John H. Hjetland.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren, B. L. Webber, Paul G. Viehe, Rufus P. Upton.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Baudette	14	Belle M. Young	
Elmdale, Holdingsford	29	John Soltis	Paul Jamarik.
International Falls	7	Dea. C. B. Montgomery	
Lake Itasca			
Sacred Heart	7	Miss Lena Winje	Francis Wrigley.
Swanville, Swedish		Christ Molde	Anton Olson.
Twin Valley		James Sworder	Supplied.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

HENRY SYMONS, ordained at Ada, May 7th, 1907.

JOHN S. ROOD, installed at Sleepy Eye, April 9th, 1907

NECROLOGY.

REV. JOHN CLARK HUNTINGTON.

Mr. Huntington was born in Brooklyn, Ct., August 22, 1842, and died in Dallas, Texas, Dec. 6, 1906. He was ordained in this state and served as pastor for ten years, but most of his life work was done with the Young Men's Christian Association and in Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, whose work he advanced as superintendent in Texas. He was devoted to his work and ever cheerful and made and kept friends.

Some time before his death he wrote and illustrated a brief poem with this title, "He giveth his beloved sleep." These are the closing lines:

"Low sinks the sun, but in other skies

He is climbing with cloudless ray,
And the sunset of life, with its shadow of night,
Is the sunrise of heaven, where God is the light
Of Eternity's glorious day."

REV. RICHARD HALL.

"Father Hall" was the familiar term which all Congregational Minnesota loved to apply to this venerable saint, who had given his life's best service for all our institutions. For what he was and what he did and how strong and manly and loving he looked you are referred to the Jubilee exercises in the Minutes of 1906.

Rev. Richard Hall was born at New Ipswich, N. H., August 6, 1817. The Lord took him from his home in St. Paul April 1, 1907, and we feel that he has now his crown. It was a great joy and inspiration that he was spared to be with us even for a few moments at our Jubilee.

REV. GEORGE HICKS DAVIES.

Rev. Geo. H. Davies, born at Hailsham, Sussex, England, Oct. 8, 1833. Died at Hawley, Minn., May 12, 1907. He was ordained in 1858 in England, his ministry since 1884 has been in this country in the states of North Dakota

and Minnesota. His last pastorate at Hawley, where he died, was very successful and his going home was a great loss to the church. He left a widow and seven children.

REV. JULIUS PARSONS.

At Morris, Minn., July 3d, 1907, this brother, who had just entered upon his work in this state, was suddenly called home. He was born at Sharon Center, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1862, and educated at Cornell University and Oberlin Theological Seminary.

The greater part of his ministry was spent in Wisconsin, where he was a devoted pastor and one of the directors of a Bible Training School for Sunday School Teachers in Northwest Wisconsin. His associates write with much affection of "his zeal and enthusiam," in that work, and the large influence he had in making the school a success, through his wisdom and faithfulness.

A memorial service was held at Elk Mount, Nekoosa, Wis., July 29, and tender expressions of sympathy were sent to Mrs. Parsons who has returned to Roberts, Wis., their former home. In the few weeks at Morris they were strongly intrenched in the hearts of the people who mourn the removal of the one from whom they expected so much.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

	Adams, Allison D	Waseca.
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	Allin; E. A	Brainerd.
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	Anderson, Emil A	Sandstone.
	Andrewson, Severt M	Clintonville, Wis.
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	Battey, Richard H	Minneapolis.
	Bean, D. Otis	Minneapolis.
	Beard, Henry B	Minneapolis.
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	Berry, John E., Lic	Brainerd.
	Betts, Eben M	New York, N. Y.
	Billig, C. A	Little Falls.
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	Bjuge, Carl B	Chicago.
	Black, T. D., Meth	Wayzata.
	Black, W. A	Minneapolis.
	Blomberg, Carl R. A	Little Falls.
	Boardman, Charles P	Minneapoliv.
	Bockoven, William A	Wadena.
	Bolin, Nels J	Foreston.
	Brooks, Edward L	Fergus Falls.
	Brown, George E	Mankato.
	Brown, William J	Dickinson, N. D.
	Brown, Albert R	Hutchinson.
	Burton, Charles E	Minneapolis.
	Buswell, Jesse	Mantorville.

Campbell, Clement C..... St. Paul.
Carlson, W. G..... Minneapolis.
Carter, Elijah..... Edgerton.
Clark, Alden H..... Vadala, Ind.
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Clark, O. C..... St. Paul.
Clarke, Clement G..... Minneapolis.
Clarke, Kimball..... Dawson.
* Colp, Daniel G..... Robbinsdale.

Conard, William J..... Park Rapids.
Cool, P. C..... Buffalo, N. Y.
Cram, Delbert W..... Bettles, Alaska.
Crawford, Otis D..... Fairmount, Ind.
Crane, E. P..... Glyndon.
Cross, Roland S..... St. Louis Park.
Curtis, Charles H..... Rochester.
Cutler, Alexander..... Elk River.

Danford, James W..... Minneapolis.
Darling, Marion..... Red Wing.
Dascomb, Arthur S..... Ada, I. T.
* Day, Ernest E..... Excelsior.
Dean, Edwin B..... Northfield,
Dickerman, Josiah P..... Crookston.
Dickinson, S. W..... St. Paul.
Donovan, David..... Dundas.
Dungan, Thomas A..... Fairmont.

Earl, James..... Minneapolis.
Engstrom, Alfred P..... Minneapolis.
Evans, Matt..... St. Paul.
Evans, John E..... La Crosse, Wis.
Evans, W. M..... Stillwater.
Ewell, Edwin..... Anoka.
Fellows, Charles B..... Minneapolis.
Finch, Walter C., Pres..... Villard.
Fisher, G. R. G., Pres..... Lakeland.
Fisher, Herman P..... Crookston.
Fisher, Samuel, V. S..... Roberts, Wis.
Fisk, Wilbur..... Freeborn.
Fletcher, William..... Big Lake.
Frost, Lewis C..... Harrison, Mich.

Gray, William J.....Merriam Park.
Griffith, Thomas L.....Cambria.
Griffith, William E.....Plainview.
Gulick, Theodore W.....Hill City.
Griffith, William.....Princeton.

Hammond, H. O.....Minneapolis.
Hanna, J. L.....Hettinger, N. D.
Hannant, Norrison E.....Morris.
Hallock, Leavitt H.....Minneapolis.
Hartwell, M. S.....Marshall.
* Haggquist, F. G.....Cannon Falls.
Harris, H. R.....McIntosh.
Harris, Emma E., Lic.....Mentor.
Harwood, Clement M. S.....Milltown, N. B.
Heath, S.....Benson.
Heermance, Edgar L.....Mankato.
Henderson, John E.....Stewartville.
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis.
Hill, C. L.....Janesville.
Hilton, Charles A.....Minneapolis.
Hindley, George.....Helena, Mont.
Hjetland, John H.....Winthrop.
Holmes, Henry.....Minneapolis.
* Howard, T. W.....Stratton Station, Ont.
Huntington, George.....Northfield.
Humby, Stanley M.....Minneapolis.
Hjortaas, Andrew.....Minneapolis.

* Jamarik, Paul.....Holdingsford.
Jenkins, William M.....Northfield.
Jenkins, David T.....Tyler.
Jenney, E. Winthrop.....Huron, S. D.
Johnson, Harry W.....Washington, D. C.
Jones, James L.....Stewartville.

Keeling, Geo. P.....Campbell.
Keene, Josiah L.....Cannon Falls.
Kimball, Jeremiah.....Duluth.
Killen, John T.....Barnesville.
Kirk, L.....Ceylon.
Knoph, Frank E.....Austin.
Kuhl, Edward P.....Palestine, Texas, R. F. D-4
Larke, Edmund.....Bagley

Lesher, Everett.....Owatonna.
Lindsley, E. E.....Wadena.
Locke, J. Frank.....Long Prairie.
Lyons, Eli C.....Minneapolis.
Lumley, J. A.....West Duluth.

Magnus, Daniel H.....Minneapolis.
Mason, James D.....Waterville.
Martin, John L.....Moorland, Iowa.
Maxwell, Charles H.....Durban Natal, S. Africa
McGregor, Alexander.....Whittier, Cal.
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Merrill, George R.....Minneapolis.
Meske, Fred L. V.....Glencoe.
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Nelson, Andrew P.....Minneapolis.
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Nott, Jarvis L.....Minneapolis.

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Oehler, William.....St. Paul.
Okerstein, John F.....Minneapolis.
Olin, David P.....Red Wing.
Olson, Anton.....Swanville.
Olsson, C. F.....Oxlip.
Owen, William H.....New Paynesville.

Painter, Hobart K.....Minneapolis.
Parks, Avery G.....Grey Eagle.
Parks, Pascal.....Leonard.
Parsons, Henry W.....Minneapolis.
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Peters, John.....Hancock.
* Peterson, Karl E.....Sauk Rapids.

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Pearson, Arthur H..... Oberlin.
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Pressey, Edwin S..... St. Anthony Park.
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Richardson, David A..... Minneapolis.
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Roberts, R, E ..... Edgerton.
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Rood, John ..... Minneapolis.
Rood, John S..... Sleepy Eye.
Ruddock, Charles A..... Lyle.
Ruddock, Fdward N..... Glenwood.

Sallmon, William H..... Northfield.
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Talmage, Luther C.....Minneapolis.
Taylor, H. J.....Hawley.
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Thompson, Jas B.....Rose Creek.
Todd, Henry C.....Zumbrota.
Traut, George A.....Moorhead.
Trcka, Charles A.....St. Paul.
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Upton, Rnfus P.....Springfield.

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Warren, B. A.....Sherburn.
Warren, Willis A.....Lake City.
Washington, Alonzo G.....Big Lake.
Watt, Richard.....Ceylon.
Webber, B. L.....Marshall.
Wheeler, Edward F.....New Ulm.
Wikholm, M. K.....Upsala.
Willoughby, Albert S.....Baldwin, Mich.
Wilcox, Frank G.....Tabor, Iowa.
Wilson, Daniel E.....Spokane, Wash.
Wilson, Sherman B.....Wilmette, Ill.
Winter, Paul.....Medford.
Wright, Cassius E.....Washington, D. C.
Wrigley, Francis.....Granite Falls.
Wingate, Henry K.....Cesarea, Turkey.
Wiley, Horace S.....Spring Valley.
Woodcock, Albert C.....Pelican Rapids.

N. B.—Names in foregoing list that are starred (*) are ministers who are not members of any conference in Minnesota.

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SPECIAL NOTICES!

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SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR BOOK.

These will be sent to the churches not later than the last week in December and should be returned, with every question answered, before Jan. 20, 1909, by the clerk or pastor.

Any corrections for the Year Book should be sent early to the secretary.

The next Annual Meeting will be held with the Park Avenue Church, Minneapolis, beginning Sunday Evening, October 10th, 1909.

This change in the time is made in order to have the session precede the meetings of the American Board and the National Congregational Brotherhood the same week.

It will be a great week for the Congregationalists of Minnesota. Every church should be represented.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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FOR 1908-1909

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RELIGIOUS WORK IN THE UNIVERSITY—Rev. Clement G. Clark, Walter H. Carroll and David P. Jones.

ON CREDENTIALS—Rev. Wm. Fletcher, Rev. Matt. Evans and Wilbur H. Howard.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER—Warren Upham and Rev. James W. Strong.

DIRECTORS OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE—Rev. Stanly M. Humby and C. M. Way.

TRUSTEES OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. M. B. Morris, H. P. Roberts, David P. Jones, Walter N. Carroll and Rev. R. P. Herrick.

VISITORS TO WINDOM INSTITUTE—Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. C. A. Hilton, and A. R. Brown.

VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE—Rev. W. H. Nugent, Rev. W. A. Snow, Rev. J. A. Lumley, Rev. Wilbur Fisk, Rev. J. P. Dickerman, Rev. George A. Traut. C. A. Clark, J. A. Sawyer and Rev. J. H. Hjetland.

VACANCY OF CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OF A. B. C. F. M.—C. M. Way and Rev. C. E. Burton.

COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF PENSIONS FOR MINISTERS—Walter N. Carroll, H. N. Leighton and Geo. H. Elwell.

DELEGATE TO THE SUNDAY REST DAY CONVENTION.—David P. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMUNION—Rev. George R. Merrill, Rev. Charles H. Curtis.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota convened in the First Congregational Church of Faribault, Oct. 6th, 1908, at two o'clock P. M.

After devotional exercises led by Rev. V. L. Greenwood, of Rochester, Walter N. Carroll, Moderator, called the Association to order. Rev. George A. Traut was elected Assistant Scribe and the Moderator appointed Rev. M. B. Morris, Rev. H. K. Painter, and N. N. Alvord the Committee on Nominations.

The report of the Business Committee was presented by offering the printed program, which was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that all reports and papers be referred to Committee on Finance and Printing.

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Committee on Finance and Printing were presented and adopted. See reports "A," "B" and "C."

Report of Committee on Systematic Benevolence was presented by Rev. C. E. Burton and adopted. See Report "D."

Report of Committee on Interdenominational Communion was presented by Rev. E. L. Heermance and adopted. From printed copy of "Proposed Minnesota Interdenominational Commission" presented with this report, it appears that representatives of six organized Christian bodies met in Minneapolis in February, 1908, and the result of this meeting was the "Suggested Constitution and Principles" presented to each state body for consideration. Rev. George R. Merrill and Rev. Charles H. Curtis were appointed a committee for further consideration.

The report of the Advisory Board was presented by Rev. Wm. J. Gray and adopted. See Report "E."

"The Church's Great Moment" was the subject of an address by Rev. P. B. Womer of St. Paul.

The work of the American Missionary Association was presented by Rev. Geo. E. Hall, of Chicago, the new Secretary for the west.

The Rev. W. W. Newell spoke in the interests of the Congregational Church Building Society. By vote of the Association, Gov. John A. Johnson being in the city, was invited to address the Association at the close of the session. He spoke for fifteen minutes and a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to him.

Meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services at 7:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. George A. Traut. The singing was led by the choir.

Rev. Alexander Milne preached the sermon from Hebrews XII:27.

The Communion Service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Medlar and Rev. Francis Wrigley.

The offering taken for Ministerial Relief amounted to $35.76.

Benediction by Rev. W. H. Medlar.

Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. H. Oehler.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Rev. W. A. Warren, Rev. R. S. Cross, Wm. F. Black, as Committee on Place and Preacher. Report adopted.

Minutes of previous sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The report of Committee on Carleton College was read by Rev. C. E. Burton, Chairman, and accepted. See report "F."

Dean Herbert C. Wilson reported on the condition of Carleton College. See Report "G."

The Business Committee reported that an invitation was cordially extended to the Association to visit the state institutions. This invitation was accepted.

Upon nomination by the committee, Rev. F. E. Knopf, Rev. George Huntington and Rev. W. J. Conard were chosen a Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following names for Committee on Organization of State Brotherhood: S. T. Johnson, Minneapolis; Rev. George R. Merrill, Minneapolis; Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth; Ernest Shultze, Duluth; Wm. F. Black, Minneapolis; J. M. Anderson, Minneapolis; W. J. Dyer, St. Paul; Thomas Hughes, Mankato; C. J. Hunt, St. Paul; D. C. Craig, Minneapolis; J. Knox, Alexandria; H. J. Jager, Owatonna; A. A. Miller, Crookston; Prof. Herbert C. Wilson, Northfield; Harry Williams. The report was adopted.

The report of Rev. M. B. Morris, Secretary and Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Association, was presented and accepted.

Report of Committee on Religious Work in University was presented by Rev. Clement G. Clarke and action deferred till 11 o'clock A. M. on Thursday.

Assistant Moderator J. H. Sawyer was called to the chair and Rev. Matt Evans presented an address on "The Silent Partner."

Rev. E. L. Heermance read a paper on "Our Responsibility to the Country Districts."

Rev. John Kinsey, pastor of the Baptist Church of Faribault, being present, was elected honorary member of the Association.

Morning session adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

From one o'clock to 2:30 P. M. all who desired were taken in carriages to visit the state institutions.

At 2:30 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator and devotional services were conducted by Rev. Everett Lesher, of Owatonna.

A recess of Association was taken and the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society was held.

On motion, the Business Committee and Scribe of the Association acted in same capacity for incorporated body.

The report of the work of the year was presented by Rev. George R. Merrill, Superintendent. See report of the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Upon nomination Rev. E. L. Heermance, E. F. Waite and L. A. Huntoon were elected directors of the Society. After adjournment of the Missionary Society, Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the sum of ten dollars for the Richard Hall memorial window in Plymouth Church, St. Paul.

The Assistant Moderator, J. H. Sawyer, was appointed to prepare and send a letter of greeting to the Northern German Conference, now in session at Fairfax, Minn.

"Twenty Years of Missionary Sunday School Work in Minnesota" was the subject of Rev. Robert P. Herrick's address. This address was followed by the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, by Rev. H. K. Painter. This report was accepted and the committee of 1909 instructed to collect statistics with a view to having them printed. See Report "I."

Rev. George R. Merrill gave an address on the "Louisville Convention and Its Messages."

The report of Committee on Resolutions was presented by Rev. F. E. Knopf. See Report "J."

"Men in the Sunday School" was the subject of an address by Mr. C. D. Decker.

After brief recess supper was served by the ladies of the Faribault Church at 5:30 P. M., and after the supper an address was given on "The Congregational Brotherhood" by Secretary Frank Dyer of Chicago, Ills.

EVENING SESSION.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. P. Herrick and Rev. S. Banks Nelson.

The Moderator's address was on the theme, "Some Thoughts Concerning Prayer."

The closing address of the evening was by Rev. A. N. Hitchcock of Chicago, giving "Personal Observations of the Foreign Missionary Work in His Recent Trip Around the World."

Meeting adjourned with singing and prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Meeting called to order by Assistant Moderator, J. H. Sawyer.

The devotional exercises were led by J. C. Robinson.

Rev. Theodore Clifton of Chicago presented the work of the Educational Society.

S. T. Johnson was then called to the chair to preside during "The Brotherhood Hour." Addresses were made by J. M. Anderson of Minneapolis, and A. A. Miller, of Crookston.

On report of the committee it was voted that we organize a State Brotherhood for Minnesota.

At 11 o'clock the order of the day was taken up, the Assistant Moderator in chair. After full discussion of the religious work in the university, it was resolved that the committee be continued another year.

The Trustees of the Ministerial Relief Association recommend that steps be taken to provide for a system of pensions for ministers incapacitated or their families, as follows:

First: Any Congregational minister in good standing, of sixty years of age, or over, whose last ten years of service immediately preceding has been in Minnesota for the Denomination, and who is not in active service, shall be entitled hereafter to a pension of two hundred dollars ($200.00) per year, payable quarterly.

Second: Any Congregational minister in good standing, who is incapacitated from any cause, whose last ten years of service immediately preceding has been in Minnesota for the Denomination, shall be entitled to a pension hereafter of two hundred dollars ($200.00) per year, payable quarterly.

Third: Any widow of a Congregational minister who, at the time of his death, was in good standing and whose last ten years of service immediately preceding had been in the State of Minnesota for the Denomination, shall be entitled,—so long as she remains a widow,—to a pension of one hundred dollars ($100.00) per annum, and twenty-five dollars ($25.00) additional for each child under fifteen years of age,—not over two hundred dollars ($200.00) in all,—payable quarterly.

This recommendation was referred to a special committee, consisting of Walter H. Carroll, H. N. Leighton, George H. Elwell, to prepare a more definite plan of pensions.

Committee on Place and Preacher reported, recommending Little Falls

as the place and Rev. Harry P. Dewey as preacher, with Rev. J. H. Albert as alternate.

This report as to preacher was accepted

The place of meeting was referred to the Business Committee.

The amendments to the Constitution, of which notice was given one year ago, omitting words in Article V, "at the closing session," and inserting words, "after previous nomination by informal ballot," was adopted.

Rule 13 was amended by inserting word, "ordinarily" after "each" and words "by ballot after nomination by informal ballot" after the words "shall be chosen."

The final report of Committee on Nominations was made and accepted. See report on page 4.

Rev. Robert P. Herrick was elected Moderator by ballot.

Rev. F. E. Knopf was elected Assistant Moderator, and Rev. George A. Traut was elected Scribe.

The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved and Scribe and Secretary authorized to complete the records.

The following telegram was received in answer to message sent:

Fairfax, Minn., Oct. 8th, 1908.

Minnesota Congregational Church. Faribault, Minn.

Northern German Conference Methodist Episcopal Church recognizing our common faith thanks for fraternity message and extends Christian greetings.

JOHN L. NELSON,
Presiding Bishop.

The morning session adjourned with prayer.

The Woman's missionary work of the Home Missionary Union and the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior were presented at the afternoon session. For report see page —.

WALTER N. CARROLL,
Moderator.

ALBERT R. BROWN,
Scribe.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Alexandria—Rev. A. A. Secord, Mrs. A. A. Secord, J. W. Knox. *Big Lake*—Rev. A. G. Washington. *Little Falls*—Rev. Walter H. North. *Sauk Center*—Rev. Frederick H. Oehler, A. M. Welles.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Duluth—Rev. Alexander Milne, *Biwabik*—Rev. H. R. Harris.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Belgrade—Joseph F. Bacon. *Freeborn*—C. Olson, Mrs. Abby Olson, Mrs. Lucy J. South. *Freedom*—Rev. Charles L. Hill. *Mankato*—Rev. E. L. Heermance, Prof. C. H. Cooper, Mrs. C. H. Cooper. *New Richland*—Rev. Vaclav Prucha. *Salem*—Rev Johnson Thomas. *Sherburn*—Rev. B. A. Warren, Mrs. B. A. Warren. *Worthington*—Rev. William Fletcher.

MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. Matt. Evans. *Brownton*—Rev. James Earl. *Glencoe*—Rev. F. L. V. Meske. *Hutchinson*—Rev. A. R. Brown. *Minneapolis, First*—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Geo. H. Elwell. *Plymouth*—John E. Bell, W. F. Black, Mrs. W. F. Black, Mrs. George R. Merrill, Mrs. J. H. Dorner, Mrs. A. P. Stacy, Mrs. A. W. Wood. *Park*—Rev. S. B. Nelson, James G. Swan, S. T. Johnson. *Pilgrim*—Rev. J. P. Miller, Mrs. Burton, Miss E. Burton, Mrs. Frank Lauderdale, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wingate. *Como Ave.*—Rev. H. K. Painter, Miss Mabel Browning. *St. Louis Park*—Rev. R. S. Cross, Mrs. R. S. Cross. *Lyndale*—Rev. C. E. Burton, Mrs. J. M. Williams, Mrs. E. R. Dutton, Mrs. B. C. Newcomb, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mrs. W. B. McCullough. *Fremont Ave.*—Rev. C. A. Hilton. *Fifth Ave.*—Rev. Walter Henry Nugent, Mrs. W. H. Nugent. *Robbinsdale*—Rev. W. R. McClane. *Lowry Hill*—Walter N. Carroll, Mrs. Walter N. Carroll. *Oak Park*—Mrs. B. Spiegal. *Forest Heights*—Rev. Stannly M. Humby, Harry A. Williams. *Thirty Eighth St.*—John A. Gray. *Linden Hills*—Rev. W. H. Medlar, Mrs. W. H. Medlar, David C. Craig, N. N. Alvord, Mrs. N. N. Alvord. *Minnehaha*—Rev. E. C. Lyons. *Milaca*—Mrs. George T. Short. *Princeton*—Rev.

George A. Swertfager. *Ministerial Members*—Rev. C. B. Fellows, Rev. Edwin Ewell, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Campbell—Rev. Arthur G. Young. *Granite Falls*—Rev. Francis Wrigley, Miss Lena A. Olds. *Hancock*—Rev. John Peters. *Montevideo*—Joseph P. Dickerman.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Ada—Rev. H. H. Symons. *Akeley*—Rev. L. D. Arnold. *Crookston*—A. A. Miller, Mrs. A. A. Miller. *Moorhead*—Rev. G. Albert Traut. *Ministerial Members*—Rev. W. J. Conard, Rev. W. F. Trussell.

SAINT PAUL CONFERENCE.

Cannon Falls—Rev. C. Vincent. *Faribault*—Rev. J. H. Albert, E. G. Nutting, J. Y. Ernst, R. A. Mott, A. J. Keyes, J. M. Tate, C. G. Pye, J. J. Dow, Mrs. J. T. Noyes. *Lake City*—Rev. W. A. Warren, Mrs. J. N. Scott, Miss Lutie Carr. *Northfield*—Rev. E. W. Dean, Prof. Hubert C. Wilson, Rev. L. H. Moses, Mrs. I. H. Moses, John Street, Rev. Geo. Huntington, Rev. Jas. W. Strong. *St. Paul, Plymouth*—Warren Upham, Mrs. Addie B. Upham. *Pacific*—Edward Kennedy, Mrs. S. Cockran. *Atlantic*—Mrs. P. S. Wick. *Park*—Rev. Parley P. Womer, Wilbur H. Howard, Mrs. W. H. Howard, C. J. Hunt, Mrs. C. J. Hunt. *Bethany*—Rev. M. B. Morris, Mrs. M. B. Morris, E. O. Ingalls, C. A. Price. *Olivet*—Rev. William J. Gray. *University Avenue*—Miss Stella C. Winge, Mrs. O. C. Clark. *Cyril*—Rev. Charles J. Trcka. *Stillwater*—Rev. Wilbur M. Evans.

SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Austin—Rev. Frank E. Knopf. *Dodge Center*—Rev. L. L. Sowles. *Lyle*—Rev. C. A. Ruddoek. *Mantorville*—Rev. Jesse Buswell. *Owatonna*—Rev. Everett Lesher, J. A. Sawyer, H. J. Jager, Miss Mettie Kinyon. *Plainview*—Rev. W. E. Griffith. *Rochester*—Rev. Victor L. Greenwood, W. N. Ireland, Mrs. W. N. Ireland. *Saint Charles*—Rev. William L. Bray. *Stewartville*—Rev. James L. Jones, Miss Della Jones. *Winona*—Mrs. W. H. Laird. *Waterville*—Rev. H. E. Chapman, Mrs. R. C. St. Germain, Miss Fannie Worlein. *Zumbrota*—Rev. J. H. Barnett, J. S. Williams, Mrs. J. H. Barnett.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Marshall—Rev. Perry A. Sharpe, George Sparling. *New Ulm*—Rev. E. F. Wheeler, A. H. Lienhard. *Sleepy Eye*—Mary A. Palmer. *Springfield*—Mrs. Martha Anderson. *Winthrop*—Rev. J. H. Hjetland.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. George E. Hall, Chicago, Ill., Rev. W. W. Newell, Chicago, Ill., Rev. John Kinsey, Faribault.

N. B.—This roll is imperfect because of the failure of many delegates to hand in their names, and some did not give names of Churches from which they came.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

"A"

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.

The annual report of statistics from the Churches of the State was made after nearly three months of persistent and repeated efforts to extract reports from pastors and clerks. The dogged determination of some church officers never to do anything on time is marvelous.

To begin with, the schedules were late because of the failure of the express company to notify the Secretary of their reception. When the Secretary had waited more than five weeks beyond the 15th of February, and could get no word from eighteen churches, he was constrained to send on his report for the Year Book.

The story of the eighteen Churches that had a name and are still on the roll is a sad one, and we can only hope that in the brief life of some of them there has been an impulse given to some souls that will yet be a power for good in some other fields. The great obstacles to reviving work in these small fields is in obtaining suitable men for pastors and in the changeable character of the people. In one field—and the same thing is probably true in several others—a Church that four years ago had about twenty members has lost all by removal

In the past year there has been an increase in the membership, notwithstanding the rigid revision of the rolls of many churches. The column of absent members is still formidable, and according to the reports includes more than one-fifth of our members.

The new Churches reported in January are Argyle, Beaudette, Little Falls, Swedish, and Forest Street, St. Paul. Others are reported as organized during the year and will be enrolled next year. There have been some new church edifices completed and some enlarged or repaired. The report of the Advisory Board and the reports of our Superintendents of Missions and Sunday School work will show more plainly than this report the details of the great work for the Master in our Churches.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

"B"

REPORT OF TREASURER

Of Minnesota General Congregational Association, for Year from September 28, 1907, to October 2, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, September 28, 1907	$157.93
Central Conference, balance of dues of 1907	41.38
Central Conference, dues in full of 1908	60.00
Duluth Conference, dues in full of 1908	32.00
Mankato Conference, dues in full of 1908	60.00
Minneapolis Conference, balance of dues of 1907	200.00
Minneapolis Conference, on dues of 1908	237.00
Minnesota Valley Conference, in full of dues of 1907	60.00
Northern Pacific Conference, balance of dues of 1907	32.00
Northern Pacific Conference, on dues of 1908	25.00
St. Paul Conference, balance of dues of 1907	94.00
St. Paul Conference, on dues of 1908	130.00
South Eastern Conference, on dues of 1908	100.00
Western Conference, on dues of 1908	25.23
Total	$1,254.54

EXPENDITURES.

National Council, balance of 1907	$100.00
National Council, dues of 1908	440.94
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of Sunday School and Ministerial Relief Committees for year 1907	13.90
Expenses of Business Committee of 1907 and programs	24.50
Expenses of Business Committee of 1908 and programs	31.58
Bills of Advisory Board	50.02
Printing minutes with special Sunday School Committee's report	254.00
Half-tones, envelopes, postage and express for minutes	33.25
Postage, express and stationery for Secretary	16.75
Total	$1,114.94
Balance in Treasury, October 2, 1908	139.60
Total	$1,254.54

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, October 2, 1908.
JOHN M. NORRIS, Auditor.

Unpaid dues of 1908 from Conferences:

Minneapolis Conference	$175.00
Minnesota Valley Conference	56.00
Northern Pacific Conference	33.00
St. Paul Conference	50.00
South Eastern Conference	26.00
Western Conference	24.77
Total	$364.77

October 2, 1908.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Treasurer.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

All bills presented have been reported by the Treasurer and approved by your Committee. They will be found in the Treasurer's report, together with receipts from the Conferences and the balance in the Treasury of $139.60.

The estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is as follows:

For the National Council	$450.00
For printing and distributing minutes	200.00
For salary of Secretary	150.00
For the Advisory Board	200.00
For postage, stationery and incidentals of Secretary's office	25.00
For expenses of Committees	100.00
Total	$1,125.00

For meeting this estimate your Committee recommend an assessment of five cents a member, apportioned among the Cenferences as follows:

Central	$75.00
Duluth	39.00
Mankato	78.00
Minneapolis	376.00
Minnesota Valley	60.00
Northern Pacific	71.00
St. Paul	204.00
South Eastern	143.00
Western	52.00
Total	$1,098.00

WILLIAM J. GRAY,
HIRAM A. SCRIVER,
ROBERT L. POLLOCK,
Committee.

"D"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence has to confess to having done but little, because there was so much to do. The need for largely increasing our denominational benevolences is apparent to all who know anything of the opportunities before us, and of the amounts usually available for meeting these opportunities. These same persons know the difficulties which lie in the way of increasing the income.

The natural difficulties were increased this year by the fact that the members of the Committee were widely scattered and meetings were next to impossible. Three of the seven members did get together, however, and formulate some recommendations to this meeting.

First, we recommend that the general plan of the Advisory Committee of the National Council, commonly known as the apportionment plan, be endorsed by this Association with the recommendation to the Conferences and Churches that the plan be vigorously pushed.

We recommend that the sums apportioned by the National Committee to the Home Missionary Society and the Building Society be changed, raising the sum for Home Missions to $16,000 and reducing the amount for church building to $4,000. We believe this is only just, in view of the large demands upon the Home Missionary Society, and in view of the fact that some error must have been made in computing the contributions to the Building Society.

Third, we recommend that the following percentages be adopted tentatively as the ratio to be sought in each Conference, *i. e.*, of the whole amount desired from the State for each cause the Conference be asked through their committees to raise the following percentages: Central, 4 per cent; Duluth, 6 per cent; Mankato, 5 per cent; Minneapolis, 45 per cent; Minnesota Valley, 4 per cent; Northern Pacific, 3 per cent; St. Paul, 20 per cent; South Eastern, 6 per cent, and Western, 3 per cent.

These percentages were arrived at by an averaging of the percentage of membership, home expenses and previous benevolences, with some adjusting which, in the judgment of the Committee, ought to be made. Of course, they can only be tentative. The whole plan calls for a large increase in benevolences, and we need not be discouraged if we find it impossible to reach the aim for several years. "Not failure, but low aim, is crime," is as applicable here as in any realm of life.

Fourth, we recommend that for the putting of the plan into operation a committee be appointed by this meeting at once of persons present, if possible, so that a meeting may be held before the adjournment of the Association for laying plans; that this committee consist of one representative from

each Conference, together with an additional member so chosen that he, with two others designated in the appointment for that purpose, may constitute an executive committee of three whose residence shall be such as to permit of frequent meetings. It shall be the duty of the Conference representatives to see to it that proper action is taken to secure the working of the plan in his conference. We suggest that where other plans are not in operation the member of the State Committee in each Conference should be one of a committee of three to oversee the working of the plan.

The object of these recommendations is to place some definite proposition in the hands of a committee so constituted that it can act from an executive center and have well informed agents in each Conference for bringing the churches into vital sympathy with the aims and efforts of the State.

It is our further thought that the National Societies should be asked to finance the pushing of the plan. This might be done by sending their field agents into the State, not to raise money for individual societies, but to push the apportionment plan. Or they might furnish the traveling expenses of the Conference committeemen or their appointees, so that each Church of the State might be visited in an effort to secure their commital to the plan and the appointment of local Church committees to raise the amounts apportioned to individual Churches by the Conference committees.

We suggest that a copy of these recommendations, if adopted, be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence by the Registrar.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. BURTON,
Chairman of Committee.

"E"

REPORT OF THE STATE ADVISORY BOARD, 1908.

For best understanding, this report should be considered as an annual chapter in a growing serial story. As such, a summary of last year's report will prepare the way for the present. After quoting the enabling act, the report of 1907 gave rules and regulations adopted for the government of the Board, outlined a course of study, suggested a financial plan for the Churches, and presented a feasible scheme for Church organizations in small fields.

Four meetings of the Board have been held this past year. At first, further important work was outlined in a resolution looking toward a closer affiliation with the Fellowship Committees of the Local Conferences. The Chairmen of the Committees were invited to meet with the Board in January. Action taken on the question of supplies was in sympathy with this

resolution. Preference was to be given to Congregational ministers, and, whenever possible, the application was to come through the local Committee. Three Chairmen were present at the January meeting. No formal action resulted, but the mutual work of these in council was promoted. At a full meeting of the Board in March the following resolutions were adopted:

I. That while the work of this Board, both for convenience and economy, is transacted through the office of the Home Missionary Society, its endorsement and recommendation of men are the act of the Board as such.

II. That the record of Ministers applying for service in the State be kept on file and accessible to the Local Conference Committees.

III. That mileage and expense be paid members of the Board for attending its meetings.

Your servants, the members of this Board, find two important duties. While the enabling act is sufficiently broad, the definite work of the Board is not altogether clear. A full definition must be wrought out on the anvil of fact under the hammer of experience. The Board is feeling its way, and may be pardoned for some measure of pride in having found its way to the actual results outlined below. Experience emphasizes one part of our name, mainly, that name suggests advice and statistics, and in some quarters the idea prevails that the Board is to sit in judgment on the qualifications of men for this or that field. While the Superintendent of Home Missions and the Advisory Board are seeking to keep the advisory part down to the minimum by letting the Churches exercise their privilege as self-governing bodies, and judge for themselves after examination of the records gathered and kept by this Board. This Board has not passed an individual judgment on any man. It indulges in no star chamber methods, and it is hoped no occasion will ever require more than the records for any church to decide.

At present the books tell this tale for the year:

Number records of men placed on file	118
Number men applied for work in State through the Board	200
Number Churches applying for men or information	50
Number inquiries from outside the State	30
Number Churches filling pulpits after information received	20

Correspondence has also been carried on with other States, revealing, it might be added, many advantages in the present quiet plan of operations.

Two important duties are taking shape for the near future. The Board should extend and enlarge its system for securing and preserving statistics. This will involve additional expense for clerical labor.

It should plan, further, for closer relations with the Local Fellowship Committees, that the united and largest service of all the Churches may be

secured promptly, directly and effectively at any time for the least of the Churches anywhere in our fellowship.

To meet the necessary expense of such extensive work, we recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the Board this coming year.

WILLIAM J. GRAY,
Chairman.
GEORGE R. MERRILL,
Secretary.
HENRY HOLMES,
C. T. RICKARD,
W. A. WARREN.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Carleton College consists of eight members, five ministers and three laymen, several of whom have visited the college during the year. The members of the Committee having been widely scattered, a meeting of the Committee has not been held, but conference has been had by correspondence, as the result of which we submit the following report:

The past year has been a transition period in the history of Carleton College on account of the termination of the administration of President William H. Sallmon, whose active relations with the institution ceased with the end of the college year.

We are glad to be able to report that the year has passed off smoothly and that the college has not suffered materially on account of the unsettled condition in the administrative department. The following new Trustees have been elected to fill vacancies of more or less long standing: Rev. Alexander Milne, Horace Goodue, W. J. Eaton, Superintendent J. W. Olson and Rev. C. E. Burton. A committee of the Trustees is now at work in the search for a new President. Since the beginning of the present semester the resignation of Professor Payne has been accepted by the Excutive Committee of the Trustees with deep regret at losing the services of this earnest worker who for thirty-seven years has put his rich life into the institution and into the lives of the young men and women who have come under his fine influence. We are sure that we express the sentiment of the Congregationalists of the State when we put on record the sincere sense of appreciation of the services of Professor Payne which we feel. His work has given the college a world-wide reputation, and his life and teachings have vitalized true Christian character in the thousands who have come under the personal influence of this noble Christian man. We wish for him

many years of continued usefulness in this great commonwealth, to whose life he has added so much.

The class work of Professor Payne will probably be taken for the present by the other members of the teaching force.

In the matter of supplying the great vacancy made by the retiring of Miss Evans as Dean of Women, we feel that the Congregationalists of the State as well as the institution itself are to be congratulated on securing so well-equipped, strong and pleasing a person as Miss Emerson. We feel that our young women may be committed to her care with perfect confidence. May her services be as rich and as long as those of her honored predecessor.

The new year opens very auspciously. Of the 104 freshmen, exactly one-half are young men. Of the whole number of new students, the number of men is larger by one than the number of women. The number of men enrolled this year is about the same as last year. There are 27 fewer women than last year. This fact is accounted for by the strict limitations as to places where women may live and the dropping of the Kinsey house from the list of cottages for women. Whether it would be desirable to increase the accommodations for young women so as not to refuse admission of new applicants is questionable. To do so would result in causing the number of young women to largely preponderate over that of the young men, and doubtless deter young men from attending. The need is, therefore, to provide for the young men so as to permit of providing for young women. There should be a good men's building that would house a fine gymnasium and care for the men's societies and unify the life of the men. With this should go a men's dormitory, so that they might have a home.

This being provided for, there should be a building for the music department or such accommodations as would permit of a separate department of music, leaving the present accommodations of the Ladies' Hall and the cottages for the academic women. This would allow some of us the privilege of sending our daughters to Carleton who have been denied that privilege in the past.

As to the religious life of the college, it may be said that it reflects the state of religion in the Churches of the State and country at large. Of course, the college has something to do in shaping that life, and there are encouraging features in this connection. It is evident that the religious atmosphere of the school is different from what it was a score of years ago and later. We are not now saying that it is not as good; simply that it is different. The devotional expression of piety is not so general as it was once. On the other hand, it is a question whether the college ever presented evidence of sturdy, practical Christian character, with sincere, honest, square manhood and womanhood that insists on the actual application of Christian principles than it does today. Some feel, however, that such a standard cannot be maintained unless the foundations of it are kept strong by active

devotional life. We are pleased to be able to report that we find it to be the policy of the strong faculty committee on religious culture to foster such a devotional spirit among the men, particularly where the need seems to be the greatest. The personnel of this committe is such that we feel that the Churches of the State may feel confidence in the deep religious purpose of the institution.

The question of the relation of the college to the churches has been brought up, especially by the final report of President Sallmon to the trustees, in which he approved the plan of severing all relations. Just what the relation is it is hard to say. Perhaps it would come as near as anything to say that it is a family relation. The college is the child of the churches. Some would say that a child is of age and able to take care of itself and be independent. If this is so, there might well be still the relation of parent and child in mutual regard and helpfulness. That is about the relation which has existed for some time, and it seems desirable to your Committee that such relation should continue. Nor should the son forget to write home, as some sons do. Neither should the parent neglect to counsel and advise where such advice is appropriate, and to help in every way in which it is natural for a parent to help a child, even though he has reached his majority. We feel that the college should continue as a definite Christian school, or else there is little or no place for it, and if it is to be a Christian school, it must needs have some affiliation or sustain serious deterioration. Affiliation with the Congregational Churches is the natural thing in the kindly helpfulness referred to. Surely there should be no unnatural restraint put upon the corporation. It should evolve its own life in the helpful atmosphere of sympathetic association, just as independent churches of our order have fellowship with other churches to their profit.

But we feel that the relation, while it should not be more formal, should be more vital. The friendship should have more and more efficient avenues of expression. We suggest that it would be well for the Chairman of the Carleton College Committee to carry the greetings of the student body from this association regularly every year on the invitation of the college. It would also help if more of the ministers and influential laymen were invited to address the students and become acquainted with the work of the institution. This would naturally result in the directing of students to the college and in opening the way for raising funds.

A practice of former years, if revived, would help in these lines, *i. e.*, the sending of representatives of the college, officers, professors and students to the various local Conferences and to the individual Churches to acquaint the people of our order with the college. The day of prayer for colleges affords a good opportunity for keeping the college in touch with the churches, and we suggest that in addition to the usual request the school be remembered in prayer at that time, an effort be made to reach as many churches as possible personally by representatives of the college and by

personal correspondence between pastors and instructors or students leading to better acquaintance between the churches and the college.

As churches we do feel an interest, deep and vital, in this, our child, and we want that interest to increase, to the profit of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BURTON,
Chairman of Committee.

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REPORT ON CARLETON COLLEGE,

Given by Dean H. C. Wilson to the State Association of Congregational Churches, October 7, 1908.

This report is usually given by the President of Carleton College, but as the college is without a President this year, the duty of giving the report falls to me, as Dean of the Faculty. It seems best to make the report brief, referring only to the present state of affairs at the institution.

President Sallmon's resignation, which was announced last year, took effect July 1, 1908. Since that time the administration of educational affairs of the college has been under the charge of a committee consisting of the four executive officers of the faculty, the Dean, the Dean of Women, the Registrar and the Secretary.

The new year opens well in spite of the unfavorable circumstances which might be expected to result from the change of administration. There are now enrolled 295 students, of whom two are post graduates, 33 seniors, 52 juniors, 85 sophomores, 100 freshmen and 3 sub-freshmen, and 20 take music only. An interesting fact concerning the enrollment is that for the first time in several years the number of men and women entering the freshman class is the same, there being this year 50 men and 50 women in the class. This results, not from an increase in the number of men, but from the limitation of the total number of women who can be accommodated in the college dormitories. We have been this year more strict than usual in requiring all the young women from other cities than Northfield to room in the college buildings, where they are under the direct supervision of the Dean of Women. The number of upper-class women returning this year is larger than ever before. As a result, fewer rooms were left for the freshmen and quite a number of applicants had to be turned away. Some of them have gone to other schools; some are waiting until next semester or next year. There are already a dozen or more applications for next year.

Three new instructors have place upon the faculty—Miss Holman, a graduate of Mount Holyoke, instructor in Greek and Art History; Miss

Firman, a graduate of Wellesley, assistant in the Department of English, and Mr. McCandless, from the University of Michigan, instructor in Rhetoric and Oratory. All of these appear to be taking up their work with enthusiasm and with success.

Two more of the old instructors will be missed by those who visit the college this year. Miss Evans, who gave up her teaching work a year ago, resigned her position as Dean of Women at the close of the year, and has been accepted by the Carnegie Foundation. She had the privilege of selecting her own successor and of helping her for a year to become familiar with the difficult duties of her position. She is now abroad for a year for travel. We all rejoice with her in her well-earned opportunity for rest and pleasure.

Professor Payne also, to the great surprise and deep regret of us all, decided at the beginning of this year to give up the position which he has filled with so much success and honor for thirty-seven years. He goes upon the Carnegie Foundation, retiring from teaching, but retaining the privileges of the Observatory, conducting the time service and publishing the magazine "Popular Astronomy," at least for the remainder of this year. We hope that he may remain with us for many years yet, enjoying the privileges of the splendid institution which he has built up and doing such work as it may be his pleasure to do.

The college activities outside of the regular class work are going on much as usual. Coach Curtiss has a large squad of football men on Laird Field every afternoon and has a promising "First Team" in training. They have played but one game so far and came out winners in that. Coach Fiscus, a post-graduate student, has already begun training the track men for the spring contests.

Of the religious condition of the students, especially of the new ones, it is too early to form any opinion as yet. As I see it, however, the situation is very hopeful. Eighty out of the hundred freshmen are church members. There are a number of very earnest leaders among the upper class men and women. They have had Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. rallies and enlisted as many as were interested in those organizations. Bible study rallies have also been held and eight classes formed for definite voluntary study of the Bible. The leaders of these classes have been selected chiefly from the members of the Faculty. In the four men's classes fifty-five members are enrolled, and the four women's classes number nearly ninety members. The Sunday afternoon prayer meetings are being kept up and are well attended.

While we believe that the affairs of the college are going on as well as could be expected, we are looking anxiously for the time when, in God's good providence, the right man shall be found to again take up the executive duties, to build upon a foundation which was well laid, and to carry forward to more complete and perfect fulfillment those plans which the founders of the college laid in deep consecration and strong faith.

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS WORK AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

For the past two years the report of this Committee has been to the effect that the best method of securing the additional religious work needed on the University campus was, in our judgment, an interdenominational plan through which some man of eminent ability and character, possessed of thorough theological training, should be employed by the co-operating denominations and at their expense placed upon the campus to work with, and supplement the work of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. It was contemplated that this man should have a salary equal in amount to that received by a full professor at the University; that he should be selected by, and be answerable to, the joint Committee from the several denominations co-operating; and that all expense should be shared equally by the participating ecclesiastical bodies, the exact method of raising this money being left to the committees representing the respective denominations.

Your Committee in reporting this year are obliged to say that although this plan was cordially welcomed by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. officers, and although no objection was encountered from the University authorities, but encouragement rather, the joint Committee from the four denominations interested, viz., the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational denominations, have nevertheless been unable to reach an agreement among themselves with respect to the method, or even the possibility, of carrying this plan into effect.

Two of the denominations, as represented by their Committees, believed that this needed work could better be done by encouraging each denomination to look after its own students in denominational ways; and at least one of the Committees felt unwilling to assume the financial responsibility involved.

Your Committee therefore reports that after two years of conference nothing has yet been accomplished in the way of establishing the interdenominational plan and the Committee sees no prospect now for the future success of such effort. The question then arises whether our Congregational Churches wish to undertake any independent movement either to assist the religious forces already at work in the University or to give some special attention to the Congregational students.

Inasmuch as Sectarianism is essentially repugnant to the University spirit, your Committee has very strongly favored the interdenominational plan and finds no pleasure in contemplating a movement in which individual denominations, inevitably with more or less of rivalry, shall seek to promote their own respective interests. The Presbyterian body have already resolved, however, in the event of the failure of the interdenominational plan, to institute some effort in the interest of their own students. The

Episcopalians are now doing special work in behalf of their students, the Roman Catholics in behalf of theirs, and the question is forced upon us as to whether we shall make any similar demoninational effort.

Your Committee refers the whole matter back to the State Association for consideration. It is a matter which deserves attention. Three questions might be asked as hinting the alternatives of action which present themselves to the minds of the Committee:

1. Shall we as a denomination forego all effort of a purely sectarian character, seeking only to make our city Churches as effective in their University as possible; or

2. Shall we make special effort to secure larger contributions from our Churches to promote the work of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at the University; or

3. Shall we, as is done in connection with Dr. Updkye's Church in Madison, Wisconsin, seek to employ an efficient assistant Pastor for the First Congregational Church in Minneapolis, where special work shall be in the student field?

It is the wish of your Committee that this matter be duly considered and any further action taken which may commend itself to the judgment of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT G. CLARKE,
HENRY HOLMES,
S. V. S. FISHER.

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REPORT OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1908.

We read of an ancient people who were obliged to make bricks without straw. No doubt history has often repeated itself along similar lines since, but never with more reality than in the work of our Sunday School Committee. The problem of trying to be of some service to more than two hundred schools scattered over as great an area as that of our own commonwealth, is not a simple one. If there were plenty of money to use to attend conferences and conventions, to visit individual schools, and to provide a literature of suggestive aids to Sunday School betterment, a partial solution, at least, of the problem would be easy. It has seemed to the Committee that the most effective way to be of use, under the necessary limitations involved, would be not to come before this body in any attempt to radiate wisdom on so important a theme as our Sunday School work, but rather to come into direct relation to each school, so far as possible, in the varied forms of its own work.

The activities of the Committee, therefore, during the past year, have been confined to one specific form of endeavor: viz., to come into touch with the schools of the State by a personal communication to each of them concerning the excellences and needs of its work. The basis of this correspondence was the detailed and valuable table of statistics secured and tabulated by the Committee of the previous year. Had all the schools to whom was sent the questionaire of that Committee, realized the value of making such a report as was requested, it is certain that more of them would have put themselves on record. As it was, the reports of the 120 who did respond, has given form and character to the work of the Committee for the present year.

To the Superintendent of each one of these schools, was addressed a personal letter in behalf of the Committee. The object kept in view was twofold: to note and to mark with commendation such excellences of organization and administration as the report revealed; and on the other hand, so far as deficiencies appeared, from our point of view, to suggest improvement. No effort was made to suggest ideal conditions, but only such attainment as would seem to be within the reach of a definite and persistent purpose, together with a wise use of the possible means which seemed to be at hand. There was a constant effort to realize the limitations under which many schools must do their work, and therefore not suggest what might seem to them visionary and impracticable. But it must be admitted that much remains unattempted, not because of any inherent impossibility in conditions, but because there is no vision of what could be actually accomplished under a constraining impulse. The suggestions set forth to each individual school, were strictly confined to such information as could be drawn from its own statistical report.

So far as organization was concerned, emphasis was chiefly laid upon an adequate number of departments, and the grading of each department for more efficient work. A full scheme of organization ought to involve seven departments: a Cradle Roll Department, a Primary Department, a Junior Department, an Intermediate Department, a Senior Department, an Adult Department and a Home Department. No effort was made to suggest, in all cases, such a complement of organization. Some schools, doubtless, must be content with a simpler form of organization than others; but when eleven schools report but one department, and three times as many only two, it is obvious that in most of these cases, at least, the importance of an adequate organization of the school has not been sufficiently considered. It ought not to be difficult for almost every school to have a Cradle Roll Department, and how much it would mean to enlist the interest of the home, from the birth of the child, in Sunday School work, with awakened expectancy and preparation for the coming parental responsibility in that connection! A Home Department, while involving somewhat more of effort, could yet be realized in the great majority of our schools; and how much it would mean in widening the field of Bible study, of blessing to the home, in making more

pervasive and vital the Sunday School atmosphere in the community, and in bringing in new material, from time to time, to the school itself! There should be some elasticity of choice, probably, from the Primary Department to the Adult Department, according to conditions, but the more fully the school is organized within the limits of the practicable, the better. With the best organization that can be secured in each case, there should go a system of grading in each department. This brings to the pupil the added stimulus of a sense of promotion in his work, and is in the interest of a wider Bibical instruction and more efficient Sunday School work.

In the realm of administration, special emphasis was given to teacher-training and the development of benevolent offerings. The secret of an effective school is an effective teacher. The teachers' meeting, valuable as it is, is not enough. What is needed is, that larger knowledge of the Bible which gives background and atmosphere to the particular lesson, which sees it in its proper historical relations and perspective, together with a study of the fundamental principles of pedagogy to give greater effectiveness to teaching. A considerable number of our schools have already undertaken this work, and it is rapidly growing throughout the State. Many others, however, in view of their needs and the various manuals of instruction now offered, ought to undertake it, and would find it a real stimulus to interest and efficiency in their work,

Emphasis was also put upon the importance of training our children to give to all our benevolent societies. Many of our schools are making a splendid record in their offerings, giving to most if not all of our missionary agencies. It is to be regretted that some give nothing at all, while others give but to one or two of them. Why not have the same rule for the School as for the Church, and train the children to give to all as should the Church, and at the same time, to gain a definite idea of the nature and scope of the work which each is doing?

These were the matters which were especially emphasized in the correspondence of the year, although there was reference to other things such as recommending our Pilgrim series of lesson helps, the teachers' meeting, the observance of Children's Day, and some organic connection between the Church and the School. We close this report with the expressed conviction that there is no work before the Christian Church today more important and far reaching, than that of seeking in the best possible way the religious education of its young people, and with this recommendation: that for the sake of instruction and comparison, the Sunday School Committee of the coming year be instructed to secure a similar statistical report to that of 1907, from all our schools in the State.

H. K. PAINTER,
E. S. PRESSEY,
W. S. WINGATE.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved,* that we acknowledge with devout gratitude the goodness of God to us during the past year in the blessings bestowed upon individual churches and the efficient and progressive work of our various organized benevolences.

2. *Resolved,* that this Association desires to give expression to its continued interest and pride in Carleton College and to recommend it to all our people as deserving their confidence and patronage, and that in view of the retirement upon the Carnegie Foundation during the past year of two members of the faculty—long loved and honored by the constituency of the College—we hereby express our appreciation of the distinguished and effective service for many years of Prof. Wm. W. Payne. To him is due the credit of having given to Carleton College a world-wide reputation in the field of Astronomy. His influence has been felt not only in the realm of science, but in a marked degree in the religious life of the college. Nor would we offer less of honor and affectionate remembrance to Margaret J. Evans, who by her work in the class room, her life among the students, her ministry of public speech throughout the State, has taught so well the high value of things intellectual and spiritual.

3. *Resolved,* that we welcome with especial gratification the new Congregational Brotherhood of Minnesota, as a movement for a larger and more efficient organization of the laymen of our churches, and see in it the promise of a more general interest in practical Christian work, a unifying of its various departments and forces, and a large increase of activity and spiritual power.

4. *Resolved,* that the State Association joins with the Churches of the Twin Cities in extending an invitation to the American Board to hold its annual meeting in 1909 in Plymouth Church, Minneapolis.

5. *Resolved,* that we commend to all of our Churches an interest in the Federation of Sunday Rest Day Associations of America and our Secretary is directed to attest and forward to the President and Senate and House of Representatives, petitions of this body, that laws shall be put in force that shall enable employers of the general government to have a day of rest each week.

6. *Resolved,* that we commend the work of the Anti-Saloon League in its State and National Societies, and we rejoice in the continued and persistent efforts of the Anti-Saloon League of this State to secure a County Local Option law for Minnesota, and we pledge our hearty support in the effort to elect men pledged for such legislation.

7. *Resolved,* that we express our gratitude to the pastor and the people of the Church in which we are met, for the excellent arrangements they have made and carried out so well for this meeting. The fine body of gentlemanly boys and young men, who met us when we arrived and served us so well. The men who put their autos and carriages at our disposal. The seemingly unmarried women, who in their homes and at the Church, have worked so hard, deserve our special gratitude for having made this meeting one of unusual social happiness and good fellowship.

F. E. KNOPF,
PROF. GEO. HUNTINGTON,
W. J. CONARD.
Committee on Resolutions.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

(Presented at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society, at Faribault, Oct. 7, 1908, by George R. Merrill, D. D., Supt.)

It does not seem an adequate report to the stockholders in a great corporation, that they have been induced during the year to put so much money into its business, and that it has all been spent. "What are the returns?" "What has been done through the investment that would not have been done without it?" "What dividends have been received?"

The questions are as fair from the stockholders in a religious and missionary corporation as from any other. Of course you will keep in mind the nature of the business, and so the kind of return to be expected; that money is invested, not because you can do anything with money directly, but that it may procure the sort of service that will promote your business.

What has your investment of $10,000, more or less, accomplished the last year?

1. It has secured the employment of fifty-two men for all their time in religious work.

2. By these fifty-two men in your employ religious services have been maintained, religious training given, religious leadership provided in 110 centers of varied size and importance in this state. In seventy-one of these your representative is the only man of English speech who stands for such leadership, and if you were not in business there, none would be done at the 110 centers. Thirteen are in the cities; of the remaining twenty-six, twenty-four had no religious work in progress in them when your representative established himself; if there is competition and waste in any of them, it is not your fault.

3. Your invesment in these communities has called out from them an ordinary investment for religious purposes of an average of more than two dollars for each dollar of yours and special permanent investments amounting in the year to over $35,000.

4. Through the labors of these men whose work you have made possible, more than 400 persons have been brought into the fellowship of the Christian Church.

5. The average membership of Churches in the State reporting an expenditure approximately of $10,000 is 642; their average Sunday School membership, 315; their Ministry is reported to have cared for an average of 1,390 families, and to have resulted in the addition of 30 to the Church.

Your investment of an equal sum has provided leadership for 1,454 Christian and 3,626 Sunday School scholars, a Ministry to 2,249 families, and has brought 400 into the fellowship of the Church.

CHANGES IN THE FORCE.—Thirteen men have removed from their fields during the year, seven to find pastorates in other States, and nine men, eight of whom are new to the State, have come to us.

STUDENT WORK.—Six students were employed during the vacation in nine churches. The work was uniformly good and its expense was largely borne by the fields supplied.

MATERIAL GAINS.—Fourteen houses of worship have been erected or substantially improved and two pastorages. A small advance in salaries is reported.

SPIRITUAL GAINS have been mostly from the ordinary work of the Churches. No extensive revivals are reported, but every field with a continuous ministry has gathered in fair proportion to its outlay.

SPECIALS.—In the early part of the year Rev. T. O. Douglass, D. D., former Secretary of Iowa, held services, by arrangement with the National Society, with some churches in the southern part of the State, which were much appreciated.

Rev. H. C. Herring, D. D., General Secretary, made a brief visit to selected fields for the purpose of sampling the sort of work done in the State. His visits were everywhere welcomed and were an inspiration to the places visited.

It is of special Home Missionary interest that Plymouth Church, St. Paul, in renewing its church building, has been minded to set apart a window space to be filled with a memorial to Father Ball, the pioneer Missionary and Home Missionary Superintendent of the State. The Churches of the State assuredly only need to know that a small offering from them is necessary to promptly provide the funds.

MEMORIAL.—Mrs. Emma R. Harris, wife of Rev. H. R. Harris, of Biwabik, as a licentiate of the N. P. Conference, had served with her husband in the McIntosh-Mentor-Erskine field and was an acceptable and appreciated preacher. She won hearts by her genuineness and faithfulness; gave herself to her people with a consecration and affection only less than that given her husband and children, and her removal seems a profound loss not only to them, but to the work at Biwabik she was anticipating with so much of expectation.

Miss Katharine W. Nichols has been for years a familiar figure in our State gatherings, as she presided at the open sessions of the W. H. M. U. A charter member of Plymouth Church, St. Paul, and a life-long supporter of the work, her heart has been in the needs of our own land and in unfailing labor for their supply, and her name is indissolubly connected with the great work accomplished by the organized women of Minnesota.

Mrs. Rosa M. Bristoll, Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, has also passed into life through a way of pain and suffering that she glorified by her patience and heroic endurance.

Somewhere a fitting memorial should permanently keep the remembrance of these two elect women who have done most to give the W. H. M. U. its great record for service, and the honorable position which is recognized throughout the denomination as belonging to it.

Rev. Charles P. Boardman, pastor of Thirty-eighth Street Church, Minneapolis, died of heart failure September 28. Mr. Boardman came to the Thirty-eighth Street Church when it was bowed beneath an equally sudden stroke that had taken from it Dr. Geo. A. Albrecht, and was a distinct gift of God to his people. With his frank and sunny ways, his tact in

address, his wide and ready sympathy, he found an open way to their hearts, and has been able to do most effective work.

THE FIELD.—In the *Northern Division* the work has suffered changes and missionaries have been temporarily withdrawn, chiefly because of business conditions. With the resumption of work on the dam at International Falls and at the mills in Baudette, the incoming of a permanent population will justify the placing of at least two new men in the Rainy River Valley.

In the *Northern Central Division* the year has been one of distinct advance. New stations have been opened, new territory explored, and work previously entered upon has taken a new hopefulness. Special mention is to be made of the new building at Cass Lake, the improvements at Walker, the development of the Backus-Hackensack field, the growth of interest at Nymore, and the parsonage movement at Fertile.

In the *Central Division* the fields are few and limited, but at Burtrum-Swanville and Round Prairie there has been the usual harmony and some gain in membership.

In the *Western Division* the eleven fields have been supplied with pastors throughout the year, and in consequence, especially at Garvin and Custer, there has been marked advance in the work.

In the *Southern Division* the aided fields within the bounds of Mankato Conference have profited greatly by the intelligent supervision of its Fellowship Committee. The most marked advance has been in the Waterville field, where a pastor has been ordained, the property greatly improved, and the Church has taken an altogether new place in the community.

The Cities and Their Neighborhood.—The most marked advance of the year has been in the aided Churches in *St. Paul.* University Avenue and Forest Street, with their new church homes, are in condition as never before to meet the needs of the growing communities about them. Gladstone Mission and Bell Chapel are in equally thriving condition.

In *Minneapolis,* Bethany has come to self-support; Thirty-eighth Street has taken a long step in the same direction; Minnehaha is calling for more room for the growing Sunday School, and at Lynnhurst things are ripe for organization and building. Hopkins has moved and renovated its building, secured a parsonage, and largely increased its membership.

The General Workers.

The work of *Rev. C. B. Fellows* as State Evangelist and General Missionary has been as ever abundant. If there have been fewer demands than in former seasons for Evangelistic work, there has been greater need for services lasting several weeks, and running into months sometimes, with discouraged and distracted fields where for one reason or another a healing ministry has been called for and where the tact and patience of the missionary have been used to the utmost.

Rev. W. J. Conard, who is joint missionary of this Society and the Sunday School Society, has his field in five counties of the Northern Central

Division, where as yet a regular ministry is impossible, but where the way of the Lord is to be prepared. The success of his ministry is shown by the presentation year by year of one or more communities made ready for the organized church and the settled ministry.

In parts of his field the "Good Will Sent" has been found of increasing service.

If there could be provided for it an Evangelist for the summer months a great amount of good could be accomplished. A special donation of $300 would be sufficient for next year.

The Finances.

First a word of thankfulness and rejoicing.

When the books closed at New York, March 31, 1908, it appeared that for the year Minnesota had returned to the Treasury in the neighborhood of $700 more than it had asked, so that for a second time "Minnesota Makes Good."

Our gratulation is tempered, however, by the knowledge (1) that nearly $3,000 of the amount was the proceeds of a legacy; (2) and that if we consult the Treasurer's books at New York we shall find that some seven hundred dollars more was actually expended in the State than was received.

The increase in our investments since the new half-century opened is very encouraging.

For the year (Sept.-Sept.) 1901-2 the receipts were $5,662, of which legacies $976=$4,686 net.

For the year 1902-3 the receipts were $5,843, of which legacies $1,100= $4,743 net.

For the year 1903-4 the receipts were $6,505, of which legacies $1,750= $4,745 net.

For the year 1904-5 the receipts were $7,528, of which legacies $2,400= $5,125 net.

For the year 1905-6 the receipts were $7,624, of which legacies $1,643= $5,981 net.

For the year 1906-7 the receipts were $8,617, of which legacies $1,500= $7,317 net.

For the year 1907-8 the receipts were $12,085, of which legacies $2,800= $9,285 net.

In the last six months of last year the offerings amounted to $6,878. If we reach the same amount the present year our total will be $11,190.

Our practical problem is to secure for these remaining six months an advance of at least $1,500 on the income of the corresponding period of last year. In spite of the admitted fact that in general this is a record year in the difficulty of financing all benevolent operations, and that pastoral changes, deaths and removals have seriously lessened the responses of some of our Churches, I confidently expect we shall solve our problem.

The pastors are the key to the situation, and I do not know a pastor

in the State who is dull or apathetic to the special and imperative demand which our own work makes upon us.

Self-Support.

Attention was called in last year's report to the near approach of the time which the Society has set by its vote for exchanging its co-operative relation to the Congregational Home Missionary Society to a constituent relation and the necessity of due preparation. At the meetings of the Directors during the year these matters have had some consideration. It is even more important now that there should not only be formed in the Churches an intelligent sentiment as to the new obligations that are coming to us, but that things should be done that are absolutely necessary for our success.

Prominent among matters that call for consideration in the Churches are such as these: The attitude the Society shall take toward National Societies doing work and asking contributions in the State aside from the C. H. M. S.; the comparative emphasis to be placed on the aid of Established Churches, the building up of strategic points, and the purely missionary work without regard to prospects of organization; the organization of the State for missionary purposes, whether on the lines of present Conference area or otherwise.

Permanent Fund.

It appears to some that the most pressing and practical preparation for self-support is the Permanent Fund, such as the older States have quite generally found it necessary to secure. The minimum amount of such a fund should be $50,000, and if it were three times that amount it would be better.

The first use of such a fund is to establish the credit that will be absolutely necessary when we cease our dependence on the Treasury at New York.

There is no Society that has learned the secret of securing a flow of income that shall be as regular and constant as the maturing of its obligations. At present when, on October 1, the quarterly grant to missionaries in Minnesota became due, the Treasurer at New York made the payment, whether sufficient funds from Minnesota had been received or not (as a matter of fact, they had not). If he had not the money the Executive Committee at New York borrowed it. When we go alone we shall find ourselves going to the banks on our own account, and for that we must have security to offer such as a permanent fund would give us.

Under the most favorable conditions the necessary increase in our work is going to test our devotion and resources to the utmost. With this Permanent Fund, whose interest would be sufficient to meet what are usually called expenses of administration, we should be in the position of the American Board, whose appeal to the Churches is so much stronger because

it can say to them that practically every cent of the annual contribution goes to actual work in the field. It is felt that the present year, not only because it immediately precedes our assumption of self-support, but as the fiftieth anniversary of Minnesota statehood, is the opportune time for securing such a fund. There are three ways of doing it: One is to work a popular subscription calling for about an average contribution of $3 once for all from each church member. If this could be carried through without hazarding the income for the current year, there is much to be said in its favor; a second plan is to solicit 500 contributions of $100 each, which would seem to be practical enough; the third, and as has seemed to me the more practicable and hopeful plan, is for some one of our prospered and large visioned laymen to constitute and name by his individual gift such a fund for perpetual service and a perpetual memorial. If there should be two or three such funds it would be a blessing.

A careful study of our probable resources, the ability and disposition of the Churches to give, the inevitable increase in the demand of our work and of other forms of Christian service in which they ought to engage, make me very positive in my conviction that the success of our movement to self-support will depend upon securing this permanent fund, and I seek with an earnestness greater than for any other object I know for the man or woman who will honor God and bless the State by the establishment of this fund.

Our Allies.

The continued co-operation of the W. H. M. U., the Sunday School and Publishing Society, the Church Building Society and the City Unions of St. Paul and Minneapolis is gratefully acknowledged. Our work has been greatly aided already in the year by the free use given the Society of the columns of *Congregational Minnesota.* Mr. T. H. Colwell deserves well of us for furnishing at his own risk this medium of communication between the Churches themselves and their common work. In the interest of that work it is greatly to be hoped that by a creditable subscription list and by advertising patronage such as we can furnish he may find encouragement to continue the publication.

The vision grows of what Congregational Minnesota is to become. There is a common denominator for all these fractions separated now by race prejudice and historic religious bias; the reduction cannot be done in haste, but is the work of generations. But our part in it is well worth working at in the interest of the Minnesota which is to exhibit to the world the finest specimen of that rare composite now in the making, the typical American, and in the interest of the Kingdom of God.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Minnesota Home Missionary Union was held at Faribault, Minn., Oct. 7th and 8th, 1908. The President, Mrs. Walter H. Nugent, Minneapolis, presided. The meeting opened with song, after which devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Ferree, Minneapolis. Mrs. J. H. Albert, Faribault, gave an address of welcome to which Mrs. W. H. Laird, Winona, responded.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read.

The reports from all officers were read and accepted.

The report of the Nominating Committee presented by Mrs. F. L. Frary, Minneapolis, was accepted, and the Recording Secretary authorized to cast the ballot for the officers therein named.

At this point a message of greeting to the Minnesota Union from the Kansas Union was read.

Many loving words were spoken in memory of our former President, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, and our Treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Olds Bristoll, who have both passed away since our last annual meeting at New Ulm. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The next on the program, "The Plan of Work, What It Is, and How to Use It," Mrs. George R. Merrill, Minneapolis, and "Our Junior Auxiliaries," Mrs. W. A. Snow, Glenwood, were both interesting papers.

Mr. W. J. Conard spoke of his missionary work in the Park Rapids Circuit. Mr. H. R. Harris, Biwabik, spoke of the interesting work among the foreigners of a mining district of Minnesota, and the recent death of his wife, who had been a faithful helper in his work.

Mrs. T. L. Riggs, missionary to Indians of South Dakota, spoke as only one who has been on the ground and knows conditions can speak. Among other things she said, Indians are human, their love of home, of country, love of children, reverence, hospitality, is very strong. Results give us interest and courage. Every Indian woman who is a member of the Church, is a member of the Missionary Society, and their gifts this year averaged $3.00 per member.

Thursday opened with devotions led by Mrs. A. A. Miller, Crookston, followed by reports of the various committees. "Round Table of Ideas," "How We Raised Our Money," by Mrs. F. T. Dinsmore, Minneapolis, and "How We Made Interesting Meetings," Mrs. A. W. Wood, Minneapolis, both of which were very helpful.

Meeting closed with words from Mrs. B. W. Firman, Chicago, President National Federation of Woman's State Home Missionary Organizations, on "Helpful Suggestions I Have Gathered From Many State Unions."

Thursday afternoon met with State Association. Listened to two very interesting speakers, Mrs. Walter H. Nugent, our President, on "The Woman's Home Missionary Union and the Pastors," and Mrs. B. W. Firman on "My Country."

MRS. CHAS. H. WINGATE,
Rec. Sec.

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The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Minnesota Branch was held in Lake City, April 28-30, 1908, and the last hour of the Association on Thursday, October 8, was given to this organization.

Dean Mary Alice Freeman, of Carleton College, gave an address on "Things Yet to Be."

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY

TWENTY YEARS OF MISSIONARY SUNDAY SCHOOL HISTORY IN MINNESOTA.

Any writing of the auto-biographical kind must always be somewhat presumptuous, but may be also so full of human interest as to make it worth while, the presumption notwithstanding.

In attempting to give in a few minutes an impression of the twenty years during which the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society has been sustaining missionary work in Minnesota and to weigh the value of that work, I shall have to trespass a little on your forbearance and tell the simple story somewhat as the years have written it down.

At the Association meeting in Owatonna in 1888, a ministerial gentleman, his face decorated with long white side-whiskers and moustache, appeared conspicuously among the Minnesota brethren. This gentleman with the Boston atmosphere was Rev. George M. Boynton, the newly elected Secretary of the Congregational Sunday School Society, Dr. A. E. Dunning being still at the helm. I can see him now as I shook hands with him for the first time in the crowded vestibule of the Owatonna Church. How keenly he looked at me, for unknowingly I was his meat. To this fact he got around diplomatically in due season.

At that time Superintendent Morley had practically divided the missionary jurisdiction of the State and given me the western section and my plans were for remaining all my life in the Home Missionary work. On the other hand Minnesota was conspicuous as the only great commonwealth in the West which had not inaugurated Missionary Sunday School work under the direction of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. Minnesota, with the West and North steadily developing, offered a great field for pioneering and the laying of foundations. I told Supt. Morley that my preference was for the Home Missionary work, but it was finally arranged that I should take the Missionary Sunday School work and that a partnership should exist between us which should seek only a single end even under the double administration and effort. And here be it set down, that for twelve years without question of prerogative and with a companionship, which was one of the delightful things of life, the two Superintendents

travelled and planned and labored together as a unit, to the great benefit of the Lord's work under the Congregational banner in Minnesota. This in justice to Mr. Morley. Mr. Morley was a broad-minded, judicial-tempered leader to whom Minnesota Congregationalism is more indebted than will ever be known.

Thus, in 1888, at Owatonna, was the missionary pioneering inaugurated in Minnesota by the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. It may be added that the Society's appointment of the Superintendent for Minnesota was made on nomination by the State Association as a body. So much for the genesis of the work. What came of such a departure in missionary effort? Did it narrow and dwarf our Christian outlook? To answer this question I may say that in all these twenty years, there has been a most cordial relation with other bodies of Christian workers.

The other day there passed away in Minneapolis the man perhaps most loved among the Baptist people of the State, Boston W. Smith, always called "Uncle Boston." He was ever my firm friend when administering the Baptist Sunday School work of the State and as Superintendent of chapel car work. Never was there any hint of collision. The same was true of his two successors in that work.

The Presbyterian Sunday School Superintendent, Robert Sultzer, is a brother beloved. If any question has arisen about Minnesota work we have conferred together in most fraternal fashion and come to a full understanding. Mr. Sultzer has done an inestimable service for Christ's work in Presbyterian circles and would express the heartiest fellowship with your Congregational worker were he to bear testimony today.

Without entrenching on any other work, therefore, Congregationalism found a broad field for the pioneer Sunday School in Minnesota. But what came of this work for our own denomination? Perhaps I may quote from the report of 1889, made at the St. Paul meeting in the chapel of Park Church. The report says:

"The net gain of over seventy Sunday Schools since our last report enforces both God's blessing upon this department of our work and our added responsibility. We realize that God demands that we nurture this newly recognized body of Sunday Schools, that we develop many of them into Churches of Christ; that we make all of them something more than mere figures in our statistics."

It should be said in connection with these seventy added Sunday Schools that this first year of work found opportunities which could not come in subsequent years, neglected schools being brought to light as well as new schools organized. But there was certainly a long move forward in that twelve months of twenty years ago and a new interest was aroused in the planting and care of Sunday Schools. Three years pass by and we note again that under the impulse of new attention to the Sunday School work, our Congregational Churches have come within seven of doubling the number of their schools, and have added 7,500 to their membership. And not

only so, for in those early days, before the rise of the State Committee, the single worker tried to be also a secretary of Sunday School work, and in 1891 we find the statistics showing a great gain in normal classes, teachers' meetings, home departments and all lines of aggressive work. In benevolent giving to our Congregational Societies alone, the schools in three years had made a gain of 28 per cent—an item of about $1,200 a year.

This was a period of attempting to cover the whole state in all lines of missionary and advanced work with the time and strength of one man, and it was an arduous task as well as impossible one.

The second period of this twenty years' history begins with the calling in of general missionaries to work at large over the State with the Superintendent. In 1891 Rev. W. L. Sutherland, who had built up a remarkable group of Sunday Schools around the modest Church at Medford, was asked to come into the work of the Home Missionary and Sunday School Societies, later giving all his time to the Sunday School work. Mr. Sutherland was a rare man for such work—cheery, enterprising, finely educated, tactful and deeply religious—and he made every trip over this State for the Kingdom of his Lord and Master.

It was Mr. Sutherland who brought to the surface again the forgotten work at Marine and Arcola. It was this indomitable worker too, who walked from one end of the Mesaba Range to the other before there were any railroads and when such towns as Mountain Iron, Virginia and Biwabik were only mining camps. If the denomination had followed the trail he blazed in that iron country what a group of churches we should have now, north of Duluth! It was Mr. Sutherland who laid foundations at Handy, now the Granada Church. Well I remember calling on him as he tossed restlessly in bed with inflammatory rheumatism. He had been holding meetings in fearfully cold weather at McHugh, near Detroit and the people had brought in for seats a lot of sap-frozen ties and sitting on one of these, with the after exposure, had brought him down with this distressing malady. Good for Sutherland! He is remembered with affection and esteem among us still. His effective work here made him State Superintendent of Missouri and Kansas and in the latter State he is one of the esteemed leaders today.

In this period following, Mr. Sutherland, Rev. John C. Huntington began work as assistant in the State. Mr. Huntington, who was a brother of our honored Professor Huntington of Northfield, was a man who really loved the work in which he found himself engaged. Although he was a veteran of the civil war he was, even to the end of his days, essentially a young man. He loved young people and they gathered about him everywhere he went, ready to do the Master's work as John Huntington should suggest it to them. Perhaps this explains his ability to rally so quickly the people of the country communities among whom he loved best to work. I well remember what success he met with in those forest regions in Otter-tail County, inaugurating Sunday Schools and preaching stations at West Dora,

Lida and Star Lake and inspiring the young people to assume the responsibility. Through those deep and somber forests he rode many a time on the long, slow errand of ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. This work has indeed passed into Presbyterian hands, but from this field there migrated to the Mouse River country in North Dakota, a group of our people who took their Church with them. And now in that part of Dakota, along the "Soo," there is a large and able conference of Congregational Churches, and the mother Church has for minister, Sheldon Slater, one of the young men helped into Christian work by Mr. Huntington, and now become, according to Superintendent Powell, one of the ablest and most dependable of our Congregational ministers in North Dakota. Is there not a marvel in the honor and prolific power which Christ bestows upon such true hearted servants as John Huntington. I should like to follow his later work in Western and Mankato Conferences, but time fails me. For six years, wonderfully eventful for Congregationalism, John C. Huntington labored in the essentially evangelistic work of the Sunday School Society in Minnesota. Then he, too, was promoted to a State superintendency, as Mr. Sutherland had been before him, being called to administer the work in the great empire of Texas, with Louisiana added for full measure. With all the difficulties to confront he did a wonderful work for God in foundation laying in that South-land. And there, worn with many labors, lying in a Texas hospital, two years since, he was brought home to glory and to see his Master's face.

Of the Society's work in this period we may say that it was remarkable for its *all around* usefulness. In 1897 for instance, there were four new schools organized in the large cities, fourteen more in railroad villages and seventeen in purely country neighborhoods. We have always endeavored to keep this balance of work—not to neglect the cities with their tens of thousands increase each year—but to have some part in each new enterprise; and also to remember constantly the new lines of railroad and the towns springing up, generally with evil triumphant at first, and there to lay foundations; but over and beyond this strategic work we have not continued the humble ministry in the name of Jesus Christ to the country neighborhood, where a few families, perhaps in plain dress, could gather in a farm house or a school house and cherish for themselves and their children the great hope in the Gospel. And we believe that in doing this strictly rural work we have had the bulk of the Congregational sentiment of the States with us. It was in this period that the Pillsbury group of Sunday Schools and Churches in Southern Todd County came into existence—involving services in an old saloon building, a depot and a log school house. It was at this time that the farmers came together and organized the Selma work with our help, south of Springfield, Robbinsdale, gathering in the Town Hall, organized a Sunday School with Deacon Newell as Superintendent and a little later developed the Church which has been a force all these years to this suburb of Minneapolis. The beginnings of University Avenue Church, St.

Paul, were made in the same period. Indeed, in the year book of 1898 there are the names of over forty Churches with whose beginnings this missionary work of the Sunday School Societies was actively associated and with fifty-four more the Society had been a helper. With God's blessing this missionary work had given a helping hand to nearly half our churches at that time.

And so we are brought forward to the third period of the Congregational Sunday School Missionary work in Minnesota, to the time when the State began to be divided up *into districts* in the beginning of the second ten years. This came about by necessity. From Duluth to Crookston the Great Northern laid its gleaming rails through the forests of Northern Minnesota. At once the map began to change, even as when the chemist drops into his beeker the precipitate and chemical readjustment begins with all its marvel of beauty and interest. Other roads north and south began to build. Two new roads climbed out of Duluth into the iron range country. Settlers poured in, towns sprang up, and the Church of Jesus Christ had a great new field presented to it in Northern Minnesota. How many a day and night I have been yanked along in a freight caboose, or perhaps travelled on the engine to reach some point where work might be undertaken in those last years of the nineteenth century.

Remarkably, too, at nearly the same time, a new railroad building era began in Southwestern Minnesota within the bounds of Mankato and Western Conferences. In one year I find eight new railroads built or completed in Southwestern Minnesota. Into all these opening sections the Sunday School Society went in the name of Congregationalism—and went with the enthusiasm of the Christian optimist.

In the division of the States, Rev. Edwin H. Stickney, Superintendent for North Dakota, with the assistance at one time of Rev. L. A. Sahlstrom, looked after the northwestern section, while Messrs. Clark and Conard cared for the north part of the States further to the east. In the next tier below Rev. John F. Okerstein found the principal district of his work. Further south and including the Twin Cities and their suburbs the Superintendent found a large field for personal work. And in the midst of the railroad building in Southwestern Minnesota, Rev. Ezra C. Lyons, who had succeeded Mr. Huntington, found an ample field for his indomitable courage and zeal.

Of the results of this district work the annual minutes of those days give us some interesting glimpses. Mr. Stickney, occupying point after point along the Eastern Minnesota railway reported in 1899 that nine new Churches were received into Northern Pacific Conference that year, the outgrowth through the Home Missionary Society, of Sunday Schools, Mr. Stickney had planted.

For a time in Southwestern Minnesota Mr. Lyons began to develop some companionship for our scattered Churches in Western Conference, and indeed, there is still a Church result of that work, though the dropping

of a district worker in that section has been sorely felt. But we must not dwell on those days of ten years ago, however forcibly their memories and activities rise up before us. We mention but one incident in passing on. In a little town near Hinkley our Missionary Dahlgren undertook to establish a Sunday School. He found his way blocked in the community by the young man who taught the School and who posed before the community as an infidel. Before Mr. Dahlgren's meetings were over this school teacher was converted and came forward, not only professing his new found love for the Saviour, but also asking, "What wilt thou have me to do?" To this question came the general request that he superintend the Sunday School. To this he agreed and for some months filled the office satisfactorily. Then swept down on that region that tornado of flame known as the Hinkley fire. The little town was in a single, awful night wiped off the map. Some of the people, men, women and children perished in the cataclysm of roaring wind and flame. The story of that missionary visit and its sequel was ended. But there was the satisfaction that before this day the Congregationalists of the land had preached the Gospel of the eternal hope to this little community so soon to suffer.

We turn briefly now to the last period of the Society's work in Minnesota—the period of caring for *large circuits* of schools and preaching stations through the Sunday school missionary.

It was in 1893 that I had a talk with Miss Catherine W. Nichols, President, and Mrs. Rosa Olds Bristoll, Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union—both gone within a twelfth-month to their blessed reward. I persuaded them to agree to recommend fifty dollars a month appropriation for the employment of Rev. William J. Conard of Park Rapids in the care of a circuit to cover Sunday Schools and preaching stations in four counties and to involve a parish two hundred and fifty miles long. We only had provision for five months, but we went ahead and it is now five years since the work was inaugurated. Step by step God has opened the way—as He does to those who go in faith.

The forsaken work at New York Mills was in this way put on its feet, and a building erected, and Hill City was discovered and developed. But gradually that western end of the work was put into the hands of a local worker and the circuit bounds extended north and east until Bena with its neighborhoods to the north and south is the far outpost. Out of this work have come already five Congregational Churches, and there was never a year more full of service than the present. Mr. Conard has the assistance of Rev. George Sheets in the care of three points and of Mrs. Captain Esther Burnard, formerly of the Salvation Army, in the care of four other little neighborhoods, his own work covering now some ten points besides.

In the Mankato circuit work we were able to have some part until the financial stress of this spring, and we hope to again have a share in that noble effort, and resume also the Rainy River circuit under Mr. Howard. While in Mr. Okerstein's circuit limits and dates are less regular than those

of Mr. Conard, he has endeavored to visit a dozen points in Mille Lac, Benton, Morrison and Wadena Counties three times a year in addition to his special work and you will find many young men and women in that circuit, who have found the Lord through the ministry of this consecrated Sunday School missionary. The State could ill spare such wise and consecrated workers as Missionaries Conard and Okerstein. And so, with the merest impressions we come to the last twelve months which must be summed up in a single paragraph. The last year has been in many ways one of the most successful of the decade. We have nearly twice as many new schools to report as a year ago, and the field work has been effectively done. The Superintendent has organized twelve new schools, supplying them with help, besides accomplishing a $2,000 church building on Seventh Street Hill in St. Paul to house the Forest Street Church and provide the equipment which may make it possible to do a great work for Christ. Mr. Conard, beside planning for the Home Missionary work on his broad field, has pushed out to an organization in fourteen new communities. Mr. Okerstein has been strong in health and more in demand than ever before, and beside circuit visitation has done valuable work both in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mr. Clark, near Mankato, put consecration and wisdom into that work and we want him back on our list of workers as soon as funds permit. The same is true of the veteran Howard on the Rainy River.

This work has in it possibilities as great in their way as when it was inaugurated twenty years ago and the next twenty years should behold a still greater reward to those who send as well as those who go.

In conclusion there are a few things which must be said in connection with such a twenty-years' history.

First let us make our acknowledgments to those who have so nobly cooperated in these years—to the noble old Home Missionary Society, its superintendents and missionaries; to the secretaries and directors in Boston who have always dealt handsomely with Minnesota; to the devoted women who have made and are making much of this work even possible; to the pastors and superintendents and workers, always so cordial and helpful; to the men of the State Sunday School Committees in all these years. But most of all we desire to acknowledge the blessing and guidance of Almighty God in these twenty years given to His Kingdom in Minnesota. We must note also out of this history some things the Congregational Sunday School Society has stood for in Minnesota. First, a democratic as opposed to an aristocratic church—a ministry to the humble and unlearned as well as to the cultured. There is where Christ stood. We want to stand nowhere else in the future. Second, an aggressive work. Our experience makes us believe that Congregationalism can easier unify the religious interests of a community than any other branch of Christ's Church. It is essentially a Union Church. But not only that reason for aggression, but more than all, the command of the parable which our Lord makes his own, "Go ye out into the highway and compel them to come in," and we shall not grow or

be blessed as a branch of Christ's work if ever we become dainty in the kind of work we are willing to do for Him. Oh that a new wave of wise activity might come to Minnesota Congregationalism—a movement born, not of doubt, but of faith. And once again this missionary work has aimed at a permanent result. We planted Sunday Schools with the expectation that they would grow, many of them, into Churches. The Church is the permanent unit in the growth of the Kingdom. At the last enumeration sixty-two Congregational Churches on our list owed their inception wholly or in large part to this Sunday School work, while at least a score more organized from our schools, had in these two decades moved organically or in fragments to other denominations. Changing conditions had dropped from our year book nearly another score once there enrolled.

When one thinks of the benevolence of these sixty Churches, thir prayers, their worship, their young people's work, their steady uplift in the communities where they exist, the many thousands raised annually for Christ's work, he must be led to feel not only the permanence, but the economy of this form of missionary work. Finally, there has always been the evangelistic tone to this work in these twenty years. Not only have evangelistic meetings been held with scores of these little fields, but the dominant prayer has been that these schools might be the means of bringing the eternal hope to sinning, wearied men and women and that the children in these forgotten communities might be led to look up into the face of the blessed Master with the same faith and trust that shone in the eyes of those children of Gallilee who rested in divine arms twenty centuries ago.

Only God knows how that prayer has been fulfilled. But to have lived and labored for twenty years in such a great commonwealth as Minnesota to bring about such a result is a privilege for which to be very humbly thankful. Shall we not, coming to this dividing line of the years, make new consecration of ourselves and our means for this State and national Congregational Sunday School work.

Read at Faribault, Minn., Oct. 7th, 1908, at the State Association meeting.

ROBERT P. HERRICK.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In presenting to this body my first report as secretary of the Ministerial Relief Society, I regret exceedingly the removal from this commonwealth of our beloved brother the Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, who for so long a time has served the Society so faithfully and well. Since the last days of December last it has been my pleasant duty to serve in his stead. During first week in January we mailed over two hundred letters (circulars), to the pastors and clerks of the churches within the State, calling their attention to the needs of the Society and introducing the new secretary's name in letters "writ large," and yet, a large number of communications and contributions reached us by way of Roberts, Wis. Hereafter, please send all moneys and messages to undersigned, 567 Bidwell St., St. Paul. During the year 30 churches, seven conferences and two individuals have remembered the Ministerial Relief Association. Another conference contribution came to hand after Treasurer's account was examined and account closed, but it came to hand and is received with all thankfulness. Seven grants (and one special small amount) were made to worthy men and women, from whom letters of grateful acknowledgment have been received.

The management of funds received on account of sale of property in Northeast Minneapolis, is by vote of Board of Trustees committed to David P. Jones, who is also a member of said Board. This is intended as a nucleus for a permanent fund. Treasurer's report will state amount now on hand.

In conclusion I beg in behalf of the Society to thank the conferences, the individuals and the thirty churches who have remembered us. And we would be lovingly remembered to the rest, some of whom, to my knowledge, have sent their contributions to the Treasurer of our National Society.

The Trustees, whose term of office expires with this meeting are H. P. Roberts and M. B. Morris.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Oct. 1st, balance in treasury	$166.57	
Collection, State Association, New Ulm	54.48	
		$221.05
Collections from conferences—		
Minneapolis conference	16.00	
Mankato	11.35	
St. Paul	7.50	
Central	6.46	
Central (1907 Coll.)	4.98	
Minnesota Valley	7.15	
Duluth conference	9.77	
Western conference	9.25	
		72.46
Personal gifts—		
Mrs. Geo. Michael, Walker, Minn	5.00	
Rev. C. J. Swain	5.00	
Special	7.50	
		17.50
Contributions, 30 churches	$247.20	$247.20
Interest on bank deposits	6.73	6.73
	$564.94	$564.94
Disbursements—		
Aid given in seven cases	$510.70	$510.70
Printing circular letters, 300; printing stationery, 500 envelopes	6.65	
1c postage stamps, $2.50; 2c postage stamps, $3.50	6.00	12.65
Balance in bank		41.59
	$564.94	$564.94
Permanent fund	$2,197.47	
Interest bearing mortgages		$1,700.00
Balance due on contract		320.00
Collected, cash from contract and interest		177.47
	$2,197.47	$2,197.47

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

The foregoing account has been examined by me and found correct.
Dated, Minneapolis, October 5th, 1908.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS,
Auditor.

CONSTITUTION

NAME.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2.—It disclaims all ecclesiastical power or authority, but aims to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

DOCTRINE.

Art. 3.—It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1883.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 4.—Any minister who is a member of a Congregational conference in this State shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, with an additional delegate for each fifty resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership except voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot, after previous nomination by an informal ballot; an Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and may also be Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6.—The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, of which the minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held shall be a member, a Committee of Finance and Printing, a Sunday School Committee and a Committee on Historical Matter, of three members each, one of whom shall be chosen annually to serve three years, and a Committee on Carleton College, including the Moderator of the Association, with one representative from each Conference, chosen for three years and after first election one-third to be chosen each year. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years.

For each annual meeting there shall be Committees of three each, on Nominations, on Place and Preacher, on Resolutions, and on Credentials.

This Association shall elect an Advisory Board of five members, of which the Home Missionary Superintendent shall be a member EX OFFICIO, the other four members to be elected as follows: The first year four members to be elected, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and thereafter one to be elected each year to serve for four years.

That it be the function of this board to act as a consulting body, and a bureau of information in regard to all the Congregational interests in the State; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the Advisory Committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to our churches and ministers; to be ready to advise and assist, on application, in the bringing together of churhes and ministers, and to act as a bureau of supply; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local committees, or by the churches or ministers; and in general, to aim to consolidate and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the pastorate, and to quicken the fellowship united action of all.

PROVIDED, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7.—The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the first Tuesday in October and close as directed by the Business Committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

Any rule of the Association may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the conference to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Moderator, on the opening day of the annual meeting at which he presides, shall deliver an address upon the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

7. The Secretary shall collect statistics from the conferences and churches, shall record and report to the Moderator events of special significance in the work of the year, as reported by the registrars, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, for which service he may receive reasonable compensation.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the appointment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general

attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Moderator at the opening session, shall nominate all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make all local provision for the annual meeting.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each, ordinarily, to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot after nomination by informal ballot to represent the Congregational churches of the State at National Council.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

	YEAR	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17: 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J.W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13:2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.; 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Oehler	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.: 14.
51	06	Minneapolis	Dean W. S. Pattee	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LL.D., Luke 12: 15.
52	07	New Ulm	Rev. Willis A. Warren	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault	Walter N. Carroll	Rev. Alexander Milne, Hebs 12:27.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe ..... 1856—1870.
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Secretary: **Rev. S. W. Dickinson** ..... 1889—1901.
" **Rev. Samuel J. Rogers** ..... 1901—

THE CONFERENCES

I. CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 15th, 1909.

REGISTRAR: A. M. Welles, Sauk Center.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. H. Oehler, George L. Treat, Rev. A. G. Washington.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	185	Dea. George L. Treat.	Alfred A. Secord.
Big Lake	90	Albert J. Johnson	A. G. Washington.
Burtrum	15	Mrs. J. M. Ward	(H. T. Krausey, F. M.)
Cable, R. F. D.-1, St. Cloud	37	Mrs. M. Scherfenburg	
Clarissa	13	Mrs. L. D. Thayer.	(Harry Vance, N. B.)
Clearwater	80	Miss Grace M. Whiting.	Paul Winter.
Culdrum, Swedish	31	Jacob Peterson	C. R. A. Bloomberg.
Glenwood	100	Fred Calmeyer	Walter A. Snow.
Grey Eagle			(H. T. Krausey, F. M.)
Hasty, Clearwater	26	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon	Paul Winter.
Little Falls	210	Mrs. O. C. Trace	Walter H. North.
" " Swedish	16	G. Strum	C. R. A. Blomberg.
Monticello	103	Oscar Swanson	(H. C. Payne, Lic.)
Orrock	4	Miss Grace Craig.	
Paynesville	80	George S. Bosworth	Avery G. Parks.
Pillsbury			(H. T. Krausey, F. M.)
Round Prairie	61	Howard F. Copp	J. Frank Locke.
St. Cloud	86	Louis Olson	Ernst V. Bjorkland.
Sauk Center	183	James A. Norris	F. H. Oehler.
Sauk Rapids	61	James Burns	
Swanville	10	Mrs. Belle Flood	(H. T. Krausey, F. M.)
Upsala	112	Gust Nelson	M. K. Wikholm.
Villard	64	D. W. Shear	
Wondel Brook	25	Frank J. Magunson (a)	Nels J. Bolin (c)

(a) Princeton, R. F. D. (c) Foreston

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Clinton A. Billig, David Donovan, Theodore W. Gulick, George F. Morton, William H. Owen, George Porter, Edward N. Ruddock, John Rood, Wilbur R. Payne, Charles M. Stevens.

II. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Biwabik, May 26, 1909.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. H. R. Harris, Rev. Theodore W. Gulick.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitkin	60	A. L. Hawneton	
Backus	28	Mrs. Sadie Miller	(Geo. W. Sheets, Lic.)
Biwabik	21	Dr. Charles W. Bray	H. R. Harris.
Brainard, First	122	Christian Bruyn	
" Peoples'	64	Mrs. J. B. Lawrence	L. Kirk.
Duluth, Pilgrim	429	Edmund G. Chapman	Alexander Milne.
" West, Plymouth	64	R. M. Weaver	James A. Lumley.
Grand Marais	21	James Scott	(W. J. Horn, Lic.)
Hackensack			(Geo. W. Sheets, Lic.)
Hill City	18	Mrs. W. B Thurlby	Theodore W. Gulick.
Walker	18	Rev. Geo. Michael	George Michael.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Ernest A. Allin, George Michael, Jeremiah Kimball, James L. Jones, E. A. Mirick, H. R. Harris, Henry M. Pinkerton, Henry H. Stutson.

III. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Sherburn, May, Tuesday nearest full moon.

SECRETARY: Rev. C. L. Hill, Acting Secretary. (c)

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Rev. William Fletcher, Rev. Vaclav Prucha.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade (a)	90	Mrs. Frank E. Jefferson	Joseph F. Bacon.
Center Chain (b)	18	Miss Myra L. Shipman	George Brimacomb.
Ceylon	40	C. W. McDade	George Brimacomb.
Edgerton	85	Mrs. L. A. Gulick	Robert E. Roberts.
Ellsworth	16	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	C. J. Gall.
Elmore	192	Clarence O'Hara	Supplied.
Fairmont	205	Mrs. A. Hyatt Smith	(Grant P. Wilder, Pres.)
Freeborn	73	Mrs. Abby Olson	Wilbur Fiske.
Freedom, Cream	20	George Gary	Charles L. Hill (c)
Granada	49	Dr. W. H. Gaugh	J. H. Barnett.
Kasota	26	Andrew Dahlgren	A. H. Dahlstrom.
Mankato, First	165	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	Edgar L. Heermance.
" Second	52	Richard Sindell	Joseph W. Johnson.
Mapleton	111	Louis W. Kruger	
New Richland	33	Mrs. C. A. Wagner	Vaclav Prucha.
Salem, Cambria	64	Evan L. Harris	R. Johnson Thomas.
Sherburn	72	George A. Sutherland	Brooks A. Warren.
Waseca	110	Caspar Wood	Edwin Ewell.
Worthington	150	George O. Moore	William Fletcher.

(a) Mankato, R. F. D.-6 (b) Fairmont, R. F. D.-3 (c) Janesville, R. F. D.-3

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Alison D. Adams, Elijah Carter, J. H. Barnett, T. Arthur Dungan, Wilbur Fisk, William Fletcher, Thomas L. Griffith, Edgar L. Heermance, Charles L. Hill, Vaclav Prucha, Robert E. Roberts, Brooks A. Warren, Richard Watts.

IV. MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Hutchinson, May 4th, 1909.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, 2425 1st Ave. S., Minneapolis.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. H. K. Painter, J. M. McBride, Harlan P. Roberts and Moderator and Registrar.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	161	Edward L. Curial	Matt Evans.
Brownton	56	Mrs. John S. West	
Elk River	174	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	Alexander E. Cutler.
Excelsior	159	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Carl J. Swain.
Fair Oaks, Anoka R.F.D.-4	10	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	
Gaylord	63	Miss Lydia A. Strebel	John Ferrill, Lic.
Glencoe	154	L. W. Gilbert	F. L. V. Meske.
Groveland	9	Mrs. Ida C. Waters (a)	Carl J. Swain.
Hutchinson	176	Henry D. Boorman, Mrs. Geo. F. Short	Albert R. Brown. James Davies.
Milaca			
Minneapolis—First	621	H. E. Blackburn	Clement G. Clarke.
" Plymouth	948	Edward A. Strong	Harry P. Dewey.
" Park Ave	625	G. W. Teitsworth	S. Banks Nelson.
" Pilgrim	612	E. C. Scarborough	J. P. Miller.
" Vine	135	Edwin Lobdel	George B. Barnes.
" Como Ave	147	Miss Grace Kamrar	Hobart K. Painter.
" Union, St. Louis Pk	50	Miss Joseph Hamilton	Rowland S. Cross.
" Open Door	116	William A. Martin	William A. Gerrie.
" Lyndale	586	Benjamin F. Coffin	Charles E. Burton.
" Fremont Ave	285	Joseph A. Bachelier	Charles A. Hilton.
" Fifth Ave	394	Albert M. Burch	Walter H. Nugent.
" Mizpah, Hopkins	34	Mrs. Minnie M. Truman	
" Bethany	128	Albert W. Perry	Samuel S. Seibert.
" Robbinsdale	106	Jarius B. Russ	William R. McClane.
" Lowry Hill	372	David P. King	
" Oak Park	132	William J. Steinmetz	L. Curtis Talmage.
" Forest Heights	152	H. P. Hamilton	Stanley M. Humby.
" Temple, Swedish	343	Alex. Lofgren	Alfred P. Engstrum.
" Thirty-Eighth St.	105	W. D. Fanning	
" Edina	20	Miss E G. Docken (b)	Rowland S. Cross.
" Linden Hills	268	J. Frank Campbell	William H. Medlar.
" Minnehaha	34	James L. Fraser	Eli C. Lyons.
New Brighton	14	Mrs. F. M. Searles	Alexander D. Smith.
Princeton	63	Mrs. Phoebe Borden	Geo. A. Swertfager.
Sandstone	23	August Walden	
Silver Lake	90	Joseph V. Uherka	Edmund Wabitzky.
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	55	P. B. Peterson (c)	
Stewart	21	P. H. Kraemer	
Wayzata	89	J. M. Davies	Wilbur N. Payne.

(a) Hopkins,
(b) Minneapolis, Station F., R. F. D.-2
(c) St. Francis, R. F. D.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Eben M. Betts, Carl B. Bjuge, Henry Holmes, Alden H. Clark, Charles B. Fellows, Leavitt H. Hallock, Robert P. Herrick, Jas. W. Danford, D. H. Magnus, George R. Merrill, Maurice P. Morris, Andrew P. Nelson, John F. Okerstein, Henry W. Parsons, Henry A. Risser, Samuel J. Rogers, Ernest W. Shurtleff, Arthur H. Tebbets, David P. Olin, W. A. Vroman, Henry K. Wingate, Carl F. Olson, Walter G. Carlson, James Earl.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Madison, June 8th, 1909.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, Rev. N. E. Hannant and D. T. Wheaton.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Appleton	69	Mrs. Bernard Johnson	Rufus P. Upton.
Belview	25	Mrs. B. Simpson	Supplied.
Benson	109	Mrs. W. A. Foland	Squire Heath.
Campbell	78	Mrs. C. C. Maechler.	Arthur G. Young.
Correll	14	Mrs. Jessie Hudson	Rufus P. Upton.
Dawson	128	Joseph C. Dale	Kimball K. Clark.
Graceville	38	Mrs. C. S. Pierce	
Granite Falls	40	Miss Carrie Barnes	
Hancock	77	Osmer J. Hill	John Peters.
Madison	120	Sever T. Nordgaarden	Maurice F. Murphy.
Marietta	58	Mrs. A. C. Miller	Supplied.
Montevideo	192	A. M. Parks	Josiah P. Dickerman.
Morris	126	Dea. D. T. Wheaton	Norrison E. Hannant.
Nassau	20	Mrs. H. S. Bragg	Supplied.
Ortonville	117	Ralph Burton	
Seaforth	7	Dea. D. H. Patchin	Supplied.
Tintah	50	Mrs. Winnie E. Putnam	Arthur G. Young.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Arthur Davies, J. L. Hanna, J. P. Keeling, Eli C. Lyons, Fred L. V. Meske, Jacob K. Schultz, Francis Wrigley.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Ada, June 15th, 1909.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston; Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Wadena; George E. Perley, Moorhead.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Ada	62	Fred L. Hampson	Henry Symons.
Akeley	50	Mrs. A. Davis	† L. D. Arnold.
Aldrich	26	Mrs. Hattie Ham (a)	E. E. Lindaley.
Audubon			
Argyle	30	N. J. Hegnes	G. M. Rees.
Bagley	37	Geo. W. Colby	Edmund Larke.
Barnesville	88	Walter A. Lindquist	John T. Killen.
Beard (b)	30	Mrs. Emma Haney	(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Bertha	16	Dea. H. O. Legro	Supplied.
Cass Lake	29	L. M. Lange	Thomas W. Barbour.
Crookston	96	William L. Vannet	Charles C. Warner.
Detroit	89	Miss Bessie L. Thurber	Royal J. Montgomery.
Felton	6	Mrs. O. Jones	
Fergus Falls	142	Prof R. B. MacLean	
Fertile	16	G. J. DeMars	A. L. Dunton.
Fontenac	12	Mrs. H. W. McDougal	(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Fosston			
Glyndon	47	Mrs. W. E. Tate	
Hawley	73	Dea. Adna Colburn	Herbert J. Taylor.
Kragness	28	G. K. Gunderson (c)	W. H. Gimlet, Fargo, N.D.
Lake Park	29	Miss Ellen Smith	
Maple Bay	7	Mrs. L. A. Hunter	
Mahnomin	20	Mrs. Henry Birkett	E. A. Mirick.
McIntosh	9	Mrs. N. Yetterberg	E. A. Mirick.
Mentor	9	Mrs. Martha Snediker	E. A. Mirick.
Moorhead	117	Mrs. Fred Stalley	Geo. Albert Traut.
New York Mills	16	Mrs. Carrie Lisk	Edwin E. Lindaley.
Nymore	8	Mrs. Addie Martin	(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Park Rapids			
Pelican Rapids	65	Mrs. J. Lightbody	A. C. Woodcock.
Shevlin	8	Mrs. J. P Lewis	(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Staples	111	Mrs. Nellie O. Starkey	J. C. Shelland.
Turtle River	2	Cassius M. Booth	Supplied.
Ulen	10	Mrs. C. S. Lofgren	A. L. Dunton.
Wadena	144	James Robb	William A. Bockoven.

(a) Verndale. (b) Oberg, Clearwater Co. (c) Moorhead, R. F. D.-1

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—Richard H. Battey, E. P. Crane, William J. Conard, Herman P. Fisher, Lewis C. Frost, William Griffith, John L. Martin, John W. Todd.

VII. ST. PAUL CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING:—Merriam Park, May 18, 1909.

REGISTRAR:—Rev. N. P. Olmsted, Acting Registrar, 367 Magnolia St., St. Paul.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:—W. J. Dyer, Rev. C. C. Campbell.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Cannon Falls	111	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford	Corwin Vincent.
Cannon Falls, **Swedish**	36	Gust Wolander	(F. G. Haggquist, **Sw. Cor't.**)
Cottage Grove	62	John P. Furber	(G. R. G. Fisher, **Pres.**)
Faribault	438	Prof. J. J. Dow	John H. Albert.
Lake City, **First.**	223	Mrs. Charles E. Dutcher	Willis A. Warren.
Lake City, **Second**	61	E. S. Anderson	J. M. Peterson.
Lakeland	18	Miss Anna Rockstroh	Supplied.
Marine Mills	9	Percy Empson	Supplied.
North Branch	31	Charles H. Westerman	
Northfield	634	George A. Wade	Edwin B. Dean.
St. Paul, Plymouth	249	Warren Upham	Clement C. Campbell.
" Pacific	238	V. R. Brewer	Nirum P. Olmstead.
" Atlantic	131	Herbert O. Chapman	W. J. Robb.
" Park	275	Howard L. Collins	Parley P. Womer.
" St. Anthony Park	226	Henry L. Hunter	Edwin S Pressey.
" Bethany	106	Edward Hyde	Maurice B. Morris
" Olivet, **Merriam Park**	150	John C. Felthouse	William J. Gray.
" South Park	60	Miss Thirza Greiner	Maurice B. Morris.
" Peoples	624	L. A. Straight	Samuel G. Smith. ‡
" University Ave.	46	Miss Stella C. Winge	Orville C. Clark.
" Hazel Park			Alexander D. Smith.
" St. Paul	64	A. Koerner	William Loos.
" Cyril	32	Miss Mary Strand	Charles J. Treka.
" Forest St	21	Mrs. W. H. Van Allen	William Loos.
Stillwater	122	Miss Edna Parsons	Wilbur M. Evans.
Sunrise			
Wabasha	138	Dr. C. H. Robinson	

‡ Assistant Pastor, Charles H. Curtis.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Samuel W. Dickenson, O. A. Barnes, Matt Evans, George Huntington, D. T. Jenkins, Alexander McGregor, William Oehler, Watts O. Pye, L. H. Moses, Cornelius Richert, William H. Sallmon, W. H. Short, Alexander D. Smith, James W. Strong.

VIII. SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING:—Dodge Center, May 11th, 1909.

REGISTRAR:—Rev. Jesse Buswell, Mantorville.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:—Rev. Everett Lesher, Rev. F. E. Knopf, J. A. Sawyer, H. E. Chapman, H. L. Eddy.

CHURCHES	No. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Austin	442	E. H. Stirling	Frank E. Knopf.
Claremont Street	20	Mrs. Sophia S. Dodge	Langdon L. Sowles.
Dextor	24	Miss Jennie Shurman	Colon Bain.
Dodge Center	105	Miss Anna E. Stockman	Langdon L. Sowles.
Grand Meadow	41	W. D. Lockwood	Colon Bain.
Lyle	75	William Nordland	Walter G. Carlson.
Mantorville	159	Mr. Jessie Buswell	Jesse Buswell.
Mazeppa	27	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	
Medford	88	Daniel A. McKinley	
Morristown	45	Mrs. W. B. Adams	H. E. Chapman.
Owatonna	300	J. Palmer Johnson	Everett Lesher
Plainview	127	Bernhart E. Rohweder	
Rochester	285	J. W. Soule	Victor L. Greenwood.
Rose Creek	19	Ferdinand G. Ray	James B. Thompson.
Spring Valley	224	Dea. W. L. Kellogg	Horace S. Wiley.
St. Charles	105	Albert F. Kuebler	William L. Bray.
Stewartville	166	Mrs. Anna Shumerhorn	James L. Jones.
Taopi	8	Dea. W. F. Davis	James B. Thompson.
Waterville	27	Mrs. R. C. St Germaine	H. E. Chapman.
Winona, First	391	Geo. Baumgartner	
" Second	52	Miss Mabel A. Thresher	
" Lakeside Scandinavian	43	Morten L. Mo[illegible]	(Ole Thompson, Ev. Scand.)
Zumbro Falls			
Zumbrota	101	Mrs. Emma Freeman	J. H. Barnett.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—William E. Griffith, F. C. Emerson, James D. Mason, William M. Jenkins, A. A. McBride, E. Winthrop Janney, Charles A. Ruddock, Percy E. Thomas, Paul Winter, S. B. Wilson, Cassius E. Wright.

IX. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING:—Springfield, June 8th, 1909.

REGISTRAR:—Rev. John H. Hjetland, Winthrop.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:—Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Rev. John S. Rood, Dr. C. E. Persons, Marshall.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Comfrey	19	Dea. Frank H. Nichols	F. M. Scully.
Cornish, Winthrop	8	Charles W. Anderson	Orville O. Barnes.
Custer, Garvin	16	Rees Price	R. C. Jenkins.
Garvin	44	W. W. Jones	R. C. Jenkins.
Lake Benton	38	Amos Porter	William M. Jenkins.
Lake Stay, Arco	29	Mrs. Edward Blegen	David T. Jenkins.
Lamberton	39	Dea. A. A. McLeland	F. S. Atwood.
Marshall	243	Walter S. Little	Perry A. Sharpe.
New Ulm	73	Herman Held	Edward F. Wheeler.
Selima, Comfrey	48	F. D. Dewey	Francis M. Scully.
Sleepy Eye	219	C. S. Whitmore	John S. Rood.
Springfield	76	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe	Francis M. Scully.
Tyler	36	E. M. Erickson	David T. Jenkins.
Walnut Grove	92	Fred. W. Schaur	F. S. Atwood.
Winthrop	65	John W. Merhoff	Orville A. Barnes.

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:—John H. Hjetland, M. S. Hartwell, Enoch E. Rogers, Albert Warren, B. L. Webber, Paul G. Viehe, Rufus P. Upton.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Baudette	14	Belle M. Young	T. W. Howard.
Birchdale			T. W. Howard.
Elmdale, Holdingsford	29	John Soltis	Paul Jamarik.
Graceton			T. W. Howard.
International Falls			
Lake Itasca			
Sacred Heart	7	Miss Lena Winje	
Swanville, Swedish	15	Christ Molde	M. H. Wikholm.
Twin Valley		James Sworder	

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. Arthur A. McBride, ordained April 15, 1908.
Rev. W. J. Robb, ordained November 12, 1908.
Rev. H. P. Dewey, installed February 26, 1908.
Rev. C. C. Warner, installed November 17, 1908.
Rev. Parley P. Womer, recognized October 27, 1908.
Rev. G. R. G. Fisher, recognized July 8, 1908.

NECROLOGY

REV. ALVA DUNNING ROE.

Rev. Alva Dunning Roe fell asleep March 20th, 1908, at Minneapolis. He was, since Father Hall's death, the oldest Congregational minister in the state. He was born in New York June 28th, 1825, and educated at Amenia Seminary and Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, Vt., and Union Theological Seminary, New York. He was in early life a lawyer and engaged in educational work, but after removal to Minnesota he was ordained at Afton and served that church and the one at Lakeland and also at Prescott, Wis. He was for several years superintendent of public schools in Washington County. Since removal to Minneapolis he has been Curator of the "Museum of Minnesota Academy of Sciences." In this work he took great delight in his old age. His private collection of minerals and curios was large and arranged with unusual care, and it was a delight to hear him describe the many specimens, showing how he had seen God's hand in nature. He was but little known and to but few, but a man of rare gifts whom it was a joy to meet.

REV. OSCAR MOSES SMITH.

Rev. Oscar Moses Smith died in Java, N. Y., Sept. 13, aged eighty years. He was a student in Yale College in the Class of 1855, studied theology in Yale and Andover and was ordained in February, 1863. He began preaching in Center, Wis., in 1861. His other pastorates were Milton, Wis., Java, N. Y., Monticello, Breckenridge and Hawley, Minn. He remained in the latter place as pastor for nineteen years. In 1898 he returned to Java, N. Y., the place of his birth, and passed his remaining years. After retiring from the pastorate his aim was "to make himself generally useful and to keep growing." He was greatly beloved at Hawley and remained a member of the Northern Pacific Conference until this year. His work abides.

REV. CHARLES P. BOARDMAN.

This dear brother was suddenly called home Sept. 29th, 1908. He had been with us only two years but had filled a large place in the hearts of those who knew him. A portion of the action of the Congregational Ministers' meeting seems a fitting tribute. "His departure is a grief and loss that we shall long feel. Therefore, be it resolved:

"Our deepest and tenderest sympathy with his stricken family, whose loss can only be lightened by the comfort of Christ;

"Our sorrow for the church he served, bereft of her spiritual teacher and guide, now the second time;

"Our sympathy with the Trades and Labor Assembly, deprived of a sincere friend and counsellor;

"Our sense of loss to the Christian church, and the community of Minneapolis for one so in harmony with the highest and best of the age, and desirous of and laboring for the truest and worthiest in civilization."

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Allin, E. A.....
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Arnold, L. D.....Akeley
Atwood, F. S.....Walnut Grove
Barnett, J. H.....Zumbrota
Barnet, John H.....Granada
Barbour, Thomas W.....Cass Lake
Barnes, O. A.....Winthrop
Barnes, Albert E.....
Battey, George J.....Avoca, Neb.
Battey, Richard H.....Hudson, S. D.
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Black, W. A.....St. Paul
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Bockoven, William A.....Wadena
Bolin, Nels J.....Foreston
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Dungan, Thomas A.....Grinnell, Iowa
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Heermance, Edgar L.....Mankato
Herrick, Robert P.....Minneapolis
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Humby, Stanley M.....Minneapolis
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Nelson, Andrew P.....Minneapolis
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Nott, Jarius L.....Minneapolis
North, Walter H.....Little Falls
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Owen, William H. ..... Paynesville
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Parks, Avery G. ..... Paynesville
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Parsons, Henry W. ..... Minneapolis
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Woodcock, Albert C.....Pelican Rapids
Womer, Parley P.....St. Paul

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SPECIAL NOTICES!

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SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR BOOK.

These will be sent to the churches not later than the last week in December, and should be returned, with every question answered, by the clerk or pastor, early in January, 1910.

The Association of October, 1909, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the reports from the churches of this state for the Year Book, in order to insure publication, must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 20th of February each year and that notice of this action be sent to every church each year with the schedules.

The next annual meeting will be held with the First Congregational Church of Crookston, October 4-6, 1910.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FOR SESSION OF 1909.

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ASSISTANT MODERATOR.

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REV. A. A. SECORD,
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REV. ALEXANDER MILNE,
S. T. JOHNSON

OFFICERS FOR 1910.

Moderator, Pres. C. H. Cooper, Mankato.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul.
Scribe, Rev. Perry A. Sharpe, Marshall.
Preacher, Rev. C. C. Campbell, St. Paul.

OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

FOR 1909-1910.

BUSINESS—Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. Everett Lesher, Rev. E. B. Dean, Rev. C. C. Warner.

FINANCE AND PRINTING—Robert L. Pollock, W. B. Gerry and Calvin D. Decker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. H. K. Painter, Rev. Fred B. Hill and C. J. Hunt.

ADVISORY BOARD—Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. C. C. Campbell, Rev. W. A. Warren, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill and James T. Elwell.

APPORTIONMENT PLAN—Harlan Page, S. T. Johnson, Chas. H. Cooper, W. S. Woodbridge, Rev. F. H. Oehler, R. E. Nichol, A. A. Miller, J. A. Sawyer and Rev. E. F. Wheeler.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION—Rev. George R. Merrill and Rev. C. H. Curtis.

VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE—*For three years*—Calvin D. Decker, Rev. W. H. North and Pres. C. H. Cooper. *For two years*—Geo. E. Perley, Rev. E. F. Wheeler and C. W. Clark. *For one year*—Ward Ames, L. G. Moyer and Rev. F. E. Knopf.

VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY—Rev. Walter H. Nugent.

VISITORS TO WINDOM INSTITUTE—S. T. Johnson, Albert N. Nason and Rev. R. P. Upton.

ARRANGEMENTS—Rev. C. C. Warren, Hon. A. A. Miller, W. E. Slocum, W. L. Ireland and D. D. Clark.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL, 1910—Rev. Samuel Banks Nelson, Pres. Chas. H. Cooper. *Alternates*—Rev. W. H. Nugent and S. T. Johnson.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Rev. Robert P. Herrick and David P. Jones.

DIRECTORS OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE—Rev. S. M. Humby and C. M. Way.

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RELIGIOUS WORK AT UNIVERSITY—Rev. Clement S. Clarke, Rev. H. P. Dewey and Rev. Samuel G. Smith.

ON MISSIONARY WORK IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA—Hon. A. A. Miller, Hon. Geo. E. Perley, Rev. A. A. Secord, Rev. W. H. North and Alexander Milne.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota convened in the Park Avenue Congregational Church of Minneapolis, October 11th, 1909.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Alexander Milne of Duluth.

Rev. Robert P. Herrick, Moderator, called the Association to order.

Rev. Stanley M. Humby was elected Scribe in place of Rev. G. A. Traut who has removed from the state. Rev. P. A. Sharpe was chosen Assistant Scribe. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

NOMINATIONS—Harlan P. Roberts, Frank E. Holton and Rev. W. A. Snow.

CREDENTIALS—Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill and Rev. S. J. Rogers.

The Business Committee submitted the printed report in the program which was adopted subject to such changes as may be found necessary.

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee on Finance and Printing were presented and adopted.

Voted that all reports go to the Committee on Finance and Printing unless voted otherwise.

The Report of Directors of Anti-Saloon League was presented by Rev. S. M. Humby.

The report of visitors to Windom Institute was given by Rev. F. L. V. Meske.

The relation of this association to the Anti-Saloon League was referred to the Business Committee.

On motion of Business Committee, Rev. William Ewing of Sunday School and Publishing Society and Rev. W. A. Rice of the Ministerial Relief were made Honorary Members and addressed the Association.

By request of Moderator, Rev. Samuel G. Smith spoke on work of National Conference of Charities and Corrections.

On report of Business Committee Mr. Ralph E. Nichol of Windom Institute addressed Association.

Rev. C. H. Curtis reported on the work of Interdenominational Commission for the year.

S. T. Johnson, President of State Brotherhood, appointed a committee to nominate officers for the Brotherhood: L. E. Jepson, Minneapolis; W. S.

Woodbridge, Duluth; F. J. Snell, St. Paul; Rev. P. P. Wormer, St. Paul; Rev. C. H. Curtis, St. Paul.

The Nominating Committee of Association was instructed to bring in the names of Rev. Geo. R. Merrill and Rev. C. H. Curtis for members of the Interdenominational Commission.

The Election of Officers for ensuing year resulted as follows:

Moderator—Pres. Charles H. Cooper, Mankato.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul.

Scribe—Rev. P. A. Sharpe, Marshall.

Rev. Matt Evans gave notice of amendment to the Constitution, changing name "General Congregational Association" to "General Congregational Conference."

Recess taken.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Session opened at two o'clock with devotional services.

Rev. S. W. Dickinson of Children's Home Society addressed the Association.

Rev. Clement G. Clarke reported for Committee on Religious Work in the University and introduced Rev. W. S. Richardson who is the recently elected Student Pastor. Mr. Richardson gave a brief account of his work to the Association.

Rev. Walter H. Nugent reported for the visitors to Carleton College, and the new president, Rev. D. J. Cowling, was introduced and spoke of the needs of the college.

Rev. Marion L. Burton, President of Smith College, made a brief address.

The Committee on Nominations reported for Committee on Place and Preacher: Rev. C. H. Curtis, Rev. W. J. Conard, Rev. W. H. North; On Resolutions: Rev. H. K. Painter, Rev. T. W. Barbour, Rev. Henry Symons. Report adopted.

Walter N. Carroll read a paper on the "Opportunity of the Christian College." Discussion followed in which the following persons took part: Dudley Parsons, Clement G. Clarke, Alexander Milne, A. P. Engstrom, S. T. Johnson, Fred B. Hill, Henry Symons, W. H. Nugent, C. J. Swain, J. E. Ball, F. W. Reed, C. C. Warner, R. P. Upton and S. Banks Nelson.

Walter D. Howell presented a paper on "The Church and the Young People."

Rev. Walter H. North spoke on the "Practical Demands upon the Modern Pastor." Session adjourned.

EVENING SERVICE

The Service opened at 7:30 with song. Rev. W. H. North read 15th Chapter of John and Rev. C. C. Warner offered prayer. Rev. R. P. Herrick gave Moderator's address which chiefly concerned "Our Problem in Northern Minnesota." The sermon was from John 1:14-16, by Rev. Harry P. Dewey and was followed by celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The offering for Ministerial Relief was $34.40.

Session adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING

Session called to order at 9:30 by the Moderator.

The Minutes and Roll of yesterday read by Scribe, corrected and approved.

By special request of Finance Committee and Treasurer the dues of Minnesota Valley Association for 1909 were remitted.

The resolutions in Secretary's report were reported upon favorably by Business Committee and adopted.

Rev. W. J. Gray presented report of Advisory Board.

Rev. C. C. Warner gave notice of Amendment to Rule Second, striking out part of last clause; viz., the words "the roll shall be read."

At 10 o'clock a. m. devotional services were led by Rev. E. B. Dean. At 10:15 the annual meeting of the State Brotherhood was held, Mr. S. T. Johnson, President, presiding. On report of Nominating Committee the following officers were nominated:

President—Calvin D. Decker, Minneapolis.

Vice President—President C. H. Cooper, Mankato.

Vice President—Hon. A. A. Miller, Crookston.

Secretary—J. A. A. Bernquist, St. Paul.

DIRECTORS.

A. M. Welles ..... Sauk Center
W. T. Prince ..... Duluth
Rodney W. Chadbourn ..... Minneapolis
Lloyd G. Moyer ..... Montevideo
Hon. Geo. E. Perley ..... Moorhead
E. P. Hawes ..... St. Paul
Dr. A. M. Lewis ..... Austin
A. H. Lienhard ..... New Ulm

The Committee would ask that the Brotherhood authorize the appointment of five directors at large, the same to be named by the directors from the nine Conferences of the state or in case they fail to appoint their five

directors at large to be named by the State Executive Committee of the Brotherhood. The Report was adopted and the scribe was authorized to cast a unanimous ballot for officers. The President of Minnesota Brotherhood then read his report for past year. Reports were received from the following local Brotherhoods:

Minneapolis, Fremont Ave.....Rev. C. A. Hilton
" Park Ave.....Dr. Frank Woodard
" Fifth Ave.....C. D. Deeker
" Lyndale Ave.....R. L. Pollock
" Plymouth .....W. F. Black
" Lowry Hill.....Walter N. Carroll
" Como Ave.....Rev. H. K. Painter
" Thirty-Eighth St. .....Rev. A. W. Ross
" Pilgrim .....Rev. J. P. Miller
" Forest Heights.....Rev. S. M. Humby
Robbinsdale, Robbinsdale.....Rev. J. E. Ball
St. Paul Park .....C. J. Hunt
Olivet, Merriam Park.....F. J. Snell
Duluth, Pilgrim .....W. S. Woodbridge
Waterville .....Rev. H. E. Chapman
Zumbrota .....Rev. J. H. Barnett
Northfield .....Rev. E. B. Dean
Faribault .....Rev. J. H. Albert
Mankato .....Rev. E. L. Heermance
Anoka .....Rev. Matt Evans
New Ulm .....Rev. E. F. Wheeler
Owatonna .....C. L. Sawyer
St. Paul People's Church.....Rev. C. H. Curtis

The newly elected Moderator addressed the meeting on what he expected the State Brotherhood to do in the coming year.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the local Brotherhoods be urged to assume special financial responsibility in regard to the great Missionary enterprises of our own denomination, that through the regularly appointed channels of the local Church, there may come to the officers of our great Missionary Societies and to the faithful workers in the field, new confidence in present conditions and renewed courage for extensive work by reason of increased financial support assured through the activity of the local Brotherhoods.

Rev. Frank Dyer, National Secretary of the Congregational Brotherhood, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Rev. J. H. Albert, of Faribault, gave the annual address on "Brotherhood Ideals."

The Committee on Printing in the Association was requested to incor-

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porate the minutes of this session of the State Brotherhood in those of the Association.

After singing one verse of "Nearer My God to Thee" the session closed with prayer by Rev. W. A. Snow.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The reports of Rev. M. B. Morris, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Relief, were read by Rev. W. J. Gray, and on motion of Business Committee, Rev. W. A. Rice made an address.

The Business Committee to whom was referred our relations to Anti-Saloon League reported as follows:

For several years this Association has appointed at each annual meeting, at the request of the Anti-Saloon League, two directors of that League. The relation is anomalous and difficult to justify by strict logic. It is evident that we do not control and we have no desire to control or to be responsible for the policy or the actions of the Anti-Saloon League. Our election of two directors is simply an illogical way of expressing our sympathy with the general aim and purpose of the Anti-Saloon League, and does not in any way imply any responsibility for the directors or agents of the League. The report of such appointees at our annual meeting is intended merely to acquaint the members of the Association with the progress of the work. The relation between the League and this Association is purely one of fraternal sympathy.

A letter was read from the Minnesota Anti-League asking for the election of two delegates to the Annual Convention in Chicago, December 6-9, 1909.

Our two directors were authorized to select two delegates and furnish them credentials.

The Committee on Nominations made further report as follows:

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VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE—Calvin D. Decker, Rev. W. H. North and Pres. Charles H. Cooper, for Three Years.

FOR TWO YEARS—George E. Perley, Rev. E. F. Wheeler and C. W. Clark.

FOR ONE YEAR—Ward Ames, L. G. Moyer and Rev. F. E. Knopf.

ON VACANCIES IN MEMBERSHIP OF AMERICAN BOARD—C. M. Way and Lowell E. Jepson.

ON PLAN OF PENSIONS FOR MINISTERS—W. N. Carroll, H. N. Leighton and Geo. H. Elwell.

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VISITORS TO WINDOM INSTITUTE—S. T. Johnson, Albert N. Nason and Rev. R. P. Upton.

VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY—Rev. W. H. Nugent.

Delegates to Triennial Convention of Chicago Seminary, Nov. 10-12, 1909.

DELEGATES—Rev. W. H. Nugent, Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. H. P. Dewey, Rev. Wm. L. Tenney, Rev. H. M. Jones, Rev. R. P. Herrick, H. A. Scriver, E. W. Decker, Lowell E. Jepson, J. M. McBride, Rev. P. P. Womer, Rev. S. G. Smith, C. J. Hunt, Harlan P. Roberts, President C. H. Cooper and C. D. Decker.

ALTERNATES—Rev. A. A. Secord, Rev. F. H. Oehler, Rev. William Loos, Rev. W. J. Robb, Rev. W. J. Gray, Rev. W. A. Snow, Rev. V. Prucha, Rev. L. C. Talmage, Rev. C. J. Swain, Rev. A. C. Woodcock, Rev. R. J. Montgomery, Rev. Victor L. Greenwood, Rev. W. A. Gerrie, Rev. F. L. V. Meske, Rev. W. A. Bockover and Deacon Humphrey.

Report of Committee on Nominations was adopted.

Rev. S. B. Nelson gave notice of an amendment to Constitution, Article 6, to provide for a Board of Visitors to Windom Institute and a Visitor to Chicago Seminary.

The State Brotherhood asked that the Association adopt the resolution embodying the following items:

1. Requesting the local Conferences of the state to arrange for the presentation of the work of the Brotherhood at each annual meeting.

2. To provide for the election of a director in each local Conference to serve on the directorate of the State Brotherhood.

3. To provide that these directors have oversight of the work in their Conferences and report at each annual meeting.

4. To provide for consideration of the Finances of the State Brotherhood by the Local Conferences, adopted.

On motion a paper prepared by Rev. E. L. Heermance was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. C. C. Warner, C. L. Sawyer and Rev. Fred B. Hill.

After singing a hymn, Rev. E. B. Dean offered prayer and the Association became for an hour the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society.

By request the Scribes and Nominating Committee acted in same capacity in the incorporated body.

Rev. George R. Merrill, Superintendent, read the Annual Report of the Missionary Society.

Rev. Thomas Barbour made an address on the work in Northern Minnesota.

Rev. W. W. Newell, Western Secretary of the Church Building Society, followed with a statement of the condition of the Society which was followed by brief discussion.

On report of the Nominating Committee the following persons were elected directors:

For One Year—In place of Rev. C. E. Burton, removed from State, Mr. H. N. Leighton.

For Two Years—To succeed Hon. E. F. Waite, Edwin S. Slater.

For Three Years—Rev. Samuel G. Smith, Hon. Lowell E. Jepson and Hon. W. H. Laird.

Minnesota Missionary Society adjourned.

Before the Association Rev. H. K. Painter presented report of Sunday School Committee.

Rev. R. P. Herrick presented the annual report of the Sunday School and Publishing Society.

Rev. William Ewing, Secretary of the National Sunday School and Publishing Society, addressed the Association.

Rev. W. J. Conard spoke on the Park River district.

Mrs. W. H. Nugent gave a very interesting account of "A Trip Through Northern Minnesota."

The report of Committee on Benevolence and Apportionment was read by Mr. Harlan Page.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported Alexandria as place, and Rev. C. C. Campbell, preacher. This report was amended by substituting Crookston in place of Alexandria, and then adopted.

Business Committee reported that Rev. Samuel Dick, Pastor of Wesley Church, would speak in evening in place of Rev. W. T. McElveen.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened at 7:45.

Committee on Nominations nominated:

As Committee of Arrangements—Rev. C. C. Warner, Hon. A. A. Miller, W. E. Slocum, W. L. Ireland and D. D. Clark.

For Committee on Missionary Work in Northern Minnesota—Hon. A. A. Miller, Hon. George E. Perley, Rev. A. A. Secord, Rev. W. H. North and Rev. Alexander Milne, adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, and report was adopted.

On motion Rev. Grant Wilder of Fairmount and W. W. Carroll were chosen as a Committee to act with like Committees of various Denominations of our state to urge the next Legislature to repeal the Sunday Base Ball Law in the furtherance of public morals, and that this Committee communicate this action by telegraph to the Presbyterian Synod in session at Albert Lea.

The report of Rev. E. L. Heermance, visitor to Chicago Theological Seminary, was presented. On request of Business Committee Rev. J. H. Chandler, of the Congregationalist, was invited to speak.

The election of Delegates to National Council for 1910 resulted in choice of Rev. S. B. Nelson and President C. H. Cooper, with Rev. W. H. Nugent and Mr. S. T. Johnson as Alternates.

Devotional services were held.

Reading the Scriptures by Rev. Grant B. Wilder.

Prayer by Rev. Everett Lesher and a hymn was sung. An offering was taken of $29.36 to apply upon the purchase of a horse for use by Missionary in Bachus and Hackensack circuit.

Rev. Samuel M. Dick, D. D., Pastor of Wesley Church, was introduced and spoke on the question, "Is the Emmanuel Movement Practical?"

The address of Dr. Dick was followed by discussion, and a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The Association voted to adjourn.

One verse of "Blest be the Tie" was sung and benediction was pronounced by Rev. Allen Clark.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Moderator.

STANLEY M. HUMBY,
Scribe.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Alexandria—Rev. A. A. Secord, Mrs. A. A. Secord. *Clearwater*—Rev. Paul Winter. *Glenwood*—Rev. W. A. Snow, Mrs. W. A. Snow, Mrs. J. Crozier. *Sauk Center*—Rev. F. H. Oehler. *Little Falls*—Rev. W. H. North.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Duluth—Rev. Alexander Milne, W. S. Woodbridge. *Backus*—Rev. G. W. Sheets.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Fairmont—Rev. Grant B. Wilder. *Waseca*—Rev. Edwin Ewell. *Ellsworth*—Rev. C. J. Gall. *Freeborn*—A. D. Scoville, Mrs. A. D. Scoville. *Mankato*—Rev. E. L. Heermance, Pres. C. H. Cooper.

MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

Minneapolis—Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Lewis W. Campbell, Rev. Harry P. Dewey, W. F. Black, Mrs. W. F. Black, Mrs. J. H. Dorner, H. M. McFarland, Helen R. Newton, Rev. J. P. Miller, Lowell E. Jepson, Mrs. D. E. Waiste, Mrs. F. W. Lauderdale, Rev. Kimball K. Clark, Rev. H. K. Painter, C. M. Way, Rev. W. A. Gerrie, Mrs. O. S. Hall, Mrs. L. O. Whitcomb, Rev. H. M. Jones, Mrs. E. O. Mason, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Rev. C. A. Hilton, Mrs. C. A. Hilton, Mrs. W. Scott Coe, Rev. W. H. Nugent, Mrs. W. H. Nugent, Rev. L. A. Sahlstrom, J. M. McBride, Mrs. C. D. Decker, Rev. A. P. Engstrom, Rev. A. W. Ross, C. B. Winterstein, D. E. Loomis, Rev. S. M. Humby, Miss C. Monica Ralph, Mrs. S. Verrill, Mrs. N. N. Alvord, Mrs. F. A. Meade, Mrs. Bertha Scott, Rev. S. Banks Nelson, E. R. Shepherd, Mrs. W. H. Brown, S. T. Johnson, Mrs. C. R. Kennedy, J. B. Cooper, J. C. Lewis, Miss Mary D. Burgess, Rev. E. C. Lyons. *St. Louis Park*—Rev. R. S. Cross, Mrs. F. H. Colwell. *Robbinsdale*—Rev. J. E. Ball, J. B. Russ, H. Dittas. *Hopkins*—Rev. James Earl. *Excelsior*—Rev. C. J. Swain. *Silver Lake*—Rev. E. Wibitzky, J. S. Jerabek. *Wayzata*—Miss M. O. Linscog. *Anoka*—Rev. Matt. Evans. *Glencoe*—Rev. F. L. V. Meske.

MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

Granite Falls—Rev. Wade Pinckney. *Campbell*—Rev. A. G. Young. *Appleton*—Rev. R. P. Upton, Mrs. R. P. Upton. *Montevideo*—L. G. Moyer, Prof. R. E. Nichols. *Benson*—Rev. S. Heath, Mrs. S. Heath, Mrs. F. C. Robins.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Ada—Rev. H. H. Symons. *Bertha*—T. C. Le Gro. *Detroit*—Rev. R. J. Montgomery. *Crookston*—Rev. C. C. Warner, Mrs. A. A. Miller. *Shevlin*—Rev. Pascal Parke. *Cass Lake*—Rev. T. W. Barbour. *Pelican Rapids*—Rev. A. C. Woodcock. *Fergus Falls*—Mrs. A. E. Weatherston.

ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION.

St. Paul—Rev. C. C. Campbell, J. D. Humphrey, S. R. De Graw, Mrs. S. R. De Graw, Rev. N. P. Olmsted, Mrs. C. F. Willson, Miss N. Kennedy, Mrs. H. F. Myron, Mrs. Cochran, Rev. P. P. Womer, C. J. Hunt, E. C. Ingalls, Rev. Samuel G. Smith, Rev. C. H. Curtis, Rev. Wm. Loos, Miss Bertha Lehman, Miss Hattie E. Koerner, Rev. Everett Lesher, F. J. Snell, Mrs. F. J. Snell, Rev. O. C. Clark, Gladis Briggs. *South Park*—C. W. Clark. *Northfield*—Rev. E. B. Dean, Mrs. A. E. Dean, Rev. F. B. Hill, Harlan W. Page, Mrs. John Street, Mrs. C. L. Cutter, Mrs. G. A. Wade. *Wabasha*—Rev. W. M. Evans, Mrs. J. Dill, Herman Yost.

SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Austin—Rev. F. E. Knopf, Mrs. F. E. Knopf, C. H. Decker. *Mantorville*—Rev. Vaclav Prucha, J. B. Harris. *Owatonna*—J. A. Sawyer, *Zumbrota*—Rev. J. H. Barnett, Mrs. N. M. Barnett. *Rose Creek*—Rev. J. B. Thompson. *Winona*—Rev. T. S. Devitt.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Marshall—Rev. P. A. Sharpe, W. S. Dibble. *New Ulm*—Rev. E. F. Wheeler.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Rev. George R. Merrill, Rev. Robert P. Herrick, Rev. James W. Strong, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, Rev. J. F. Okerstein, Rev. W. J. Conard, Rev. A. H. Tebbets, Rev. H. W. Parsons, Rev. Geo. A. Swertfager, Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.

MINISTERIAL VISITORS.

Turkey—Rev. J. E. White, Rev. John E. Merrill. *Boston*—Rev. William Ewing. *Minneapolis*—Rev. George P. Merrill.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

In view of the fact the report of this State for the Year Book did not reach Boston until April 2nd, and was the 30th on the list, and that one report was received on May 11th and hence we did not get the Year Book until July, it seems to be a fitting time for some action. Sometime in the last century, when statistics were gathered by the Registrars, this State fixed a time limit but it has been forgotten.

In place of a report the Secretary offers some resolutions.

Resolved, That the reports from the Churches of this State for the Year Book, in order to insure publication, must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 20th of February each year, and that notice of this action be sent to every Church each year with the schedules.

Resolved, That we urge our National Council to fix an early time limit for reports of the States for the Year Book.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

October 11, 1909.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Of Minnesota General Congregational Association, from October 2, 1908, to October 7, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, October 2, 1908	$139.60
Central Association, on dues of 1909	62.00
Duluth Conference, in full for 1909	39.00
Mankato Conference, in full for 1909	78.00
Minneapolis Conference, balance for 1908	75.00
Minneapolis Conference, in full for 1909	376.00
Minnesota Valley Association, on dues of 1908	36.00

Northern Pacific Conference, balance of 1908	33.00
Northern Pacific Conference, on dues of 1909	32.00
St. Paul Association, balance of 1908	50.00
St. Paul Association, on dues of 1909	145.00
South Eastern Conference, balance of 1908	26.00
Western Conference, balance of 1908	24.77
Western Conference, on dues of 1909	1.88
Total	$1,118.25

Audited and found correct, October 7, 1909.

J. M. NORRIS,
Auditor.

EXPENDITURES.

National Council, dues of 1909	$448.20
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Printing and distributing minutes of 1908	189.60
For Rev. Richard Hall Memorial	10.00
Expenses of Advisory Board	45.50
Expenses of Delegate to Chicago Seminary	21.80
Expenses of Interdenominational Sunday School and Systematic Benevolence Committees	27.87
Postage, stationery and express of the Secretary	11.50
Expenses of the Business Committee of 1909, and programs	37.53
Total	$942.00
Balance in Treasury, October 7, 1909	176.25
Total	$1,118.25

SAMUEL J. ROGERS,
Treasurer.

October 7, 1909.

Audited and found correct, October 7, 1909.

JOHN M. NORRIS, Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

All bills reported to the Treasurer have been approved by the Committee and will be found in Treasurer's report as audited. There is a balance in Treasury of $176.25, and enough due from the Conferences to pay all expenses until April, 1910.

The estimate of expenses for year 1910 is as follows:

National Council	$450.00
Printing and distributing minutes	200.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of Advisory Board	100.00
Other Committees	150.00
Expenses of Secretary	25.00
Total	$1,075.00

For meeting this estimate your Committee recommend an assessment of five cents per member apportioned among the Conference as follows:

Central Association	$70.00
Duluth Conference	40.00
Mankato Conference	70.00
Minneapolis Conference	390.00
Minnesota Valley Conference	50.00
Northern Pacific Conference	70.00
St. Paul Association	202.00
South Eastern Conference	138.00
Western Conference	45.00
Total	$1,075.00

HIRAM A. SCRIVER,
ROBERT L. POLLOCK,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Last year the Committee on Systematic Benevolence was charged with the duty of preparing and supervising a workable system for the Apportionment Plan of our National Council. That plan aims to raise annually for the seven societies conducting the benevolent work of our denomination the sum of $1,700,000 besides $300,000 to be raised by the women of the Churches for foreign missions. Minnesota's share of this sum is $50,000 exclusive

of that which the women give to the W. B. M. I. This $50,000 was apportioned among the nine Conferences of our State as follows:

To the Central	Conference	4%
Duluth	"	6
Mankato	"	5
Minneapolis	"	45
Minnesota Valley	"	4
Northern Pacific	"	3
St. Paul	"	20
South Eastern	"	10
Western	"	3
		100%

The Conference Committee, where one had been appointed, or that Conference member of our State Committee, then apportioned to the Churches in each Conference their respective portions according to their best judgment, taking local considerations into account. Its apportionment was reported to each Church before January 1, 1909.

So far the duties of this Committee appear to have been fairly well done. The missing link between plan and results is our inability to learn how this has been received and what the Churches have done.

In a few cases responses came, such as, "We will do it," "It looks large but we will aim at it," "The amount is too large," "Our Church voted to raise $50" ($65 had been asked), "It is out of all reason, we can't begin to do it." But from a large majority of the Churches no report has come.

The removal from the State of Rev. C. E. Burton and his resignation as the Chairman of this Committee took away the executive head and was unfortunate for the cause. An effort was made to get a meeting of the Committee but the members are widely scattered, and only three were present. Unless some executive head can be found who has time and means to push the plan we must work along as best we can in an educational campaign which must be done chiefly by the ministers in their respective Churches. A revival of the tithe system would bring all the money needed and would, where honestly observed in prosperity and adversity, result in such spiritual as well as financial advancement as to cause surprise. We commend this to pastors as a fruitful line of work.

We earnestly urge that every Church appoint a strong Benevolence Committee. Let the Sunday School, the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor and the women's organizations have each a member on this Committee. Let each organization aim to raise some definite sum and work for it. This done, larger results will be secured and the Lord's work will be carried on in a more business like and less haphazard way.

We assume that a member from each of the nine Conferences will be appointed on this State Committee for the next year. It should be made the duty of each to make known the Apportionment Plan to the Churches of his Conference and to secure its working in them so far as possible, co-operating with the local Conference Committee where such a Committee has been appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

HARLAN W. PAGE,
For the Committee.

REPORT OF STATE ADVISORY BOARD, 1909.

The Advisory Board has held three meetings during the year. It has quietly and yet progressively continued the course of action outlined at its organization and suggested by the comprehensive enabling act of this Association.

1. It was to advise with Churches upon application. During the year three Churches have sought such advice. In reply to one of these, the Chairman traveled 200 miles, spent a Sunday and remained for a Conference on Monday, where, together with the Secretary, Dr. Merrill, who also turned aside for this special purpose, such advice was given as seemed best under the conditions.

2. The Board has continued the work of securing and preserving statistics and other information in convenient form, concerning men seeking Pastorates and Churches seeking Pastors. Seventy-two men have applied to this Bureau for Churches, and sixty-two (62) Churches have made use of this source of information during the year.

WILLIAM J. GRAY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

While your Committee on Carleton College consists of nine members, seven ministers and two laymen, three of these have left the State and not all the rest have visited the College during the year. Conference has been had by correspondence however, and as many of us as are here, have gotten together today.

Early in January the Board of Trustees announced that the choice for the new President had fallen upon Rev. Donald J. Cowling, Professor of Philosophy at Baker University. The President-Elect is a Yale man, having secured there successively the degrees of A. B., M. A., B. D. and Ph. D. President Cowling is a man of broad sympathy, progressive ideas and stal-

wart manhood and will, without doubt, carry forward the work, making Carleton a leader in the College life of the Middle West.

The new Trustees are President Cowling and Albert J. Mason, who succeeds Rev. C. E. Burton.

Prof. and Mrs. Gray of the Music Department and Miss Watson, Professor of French and German, are absent on leave. Their places are being filled for the year by competent instructors.

The year opens with a total enrollment of 311 and about 50 additional music students. There are 122 in the Freshman class, 57 of whom are young men. There are at present more men enrolled than ever before in the history of the College.

Not since the erection of Laird Hall has there been such improvement seen in the College buildings. The magnificent new Sayles-Hill gymnasium, the gift of Rev. and Mrs. Fred B. Hill, is rapidly nearing completion. This will be undoubtedly the finest and best equipped College gymnasium in the Northwest. It is to be distinctively a men's building, with social and club rooms fitted up with the best and most modern furnishings. The cost is $60,000.

In addition, the old Science Hall, known as Williams Hall, used recently as a gymnasium, has been remodeled at a cost of $1,500. The entire first floor has been fitted up for the use of the men's societies, while the entire second floor is given to museum purposes. Many lesser improvements are seen in Willis and Gridley Hall.

Further, a new central heating and lighting plant is being installed at a cost of $40,000.

The needs along this line seem to be a new music hall, a men's dormitory, and a new chapel or administration building, having a chapel in it. Gridley Hall is appreciated to the extent that 40 young women who applied could not be accommodated.

Your Chairman had the privilege of attending one of the faculty meetings at which time the lives of the students were had in mind by the faculty and he was deeply gratified to find such an expression of deep religious purpose. On the part of the students themselves, we believe the religious situation to be very hopeful.

"The Carnegie Foundation" has made possible the retirement of several of the full professors, who had held that rank for many years and whose places are now partly filled by men under temporary appointment. In our judgment it will be impossible for Carleton to maintain in the future the high standard it has attained in the past, on the present salary basis. We believe that on account of the increased cost of living a more adequate salary basis should be adopted and that a full professorship should carry with it a stipend of at least $2,000.00 per year.

The question of the relation of the College to the Churches has been a matter of debate—because of the College being put on "The Carnegie

Foundation." In fact some have gone so far as to maintain that they had been divorced, but your Committee wishes to emphasize the fact that the relationship today is the same as it has always been. No change whatever was necessary in the charter to make the College eligible to the "Foundation."

The Churches of Minnesota need the College. We look to Carleton for men to enter our seminaries and your Committee feels that there should be a still closer relationship than even at present exists between the College and the Churches, and to this end recommends that this Association recommend to all the Congregational Churches of the State, the placing of Carleton on the yearly budget of Benevolences. Churches of the State have already done this and we feel that the others will gladly fall in line.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER HENRY NUGENT,
Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY.

As visitor to Chicago Seminary this past year, I would report briefly my impressions. First, that the tide has turned in the Seminary's affairs. You are familiar with the series of reverses in recent years: the tax decision which involved the payment of a large amount for back taxes and a considerable sum each year, on property supposed to be exempt; the shrinkage of values in the seminary's property holdings and consequent loss of income, the loss to the faculty of Professors Chamberlain, Mackenzie, George and Curtis, followed only last spring by the sudden death of Prof. Scott. These losses, however, have been made good. The Seminary has secured as President, Dr. Ozora S. Davis of New Britain, a leader of unusual ability and charm. In order to secure Dr. Davis the floating debt was cleared by friends of the Seminary and enough secured in addition to pay the salary of a president for several years. The timely gift of $100,000 from Dr. Pearson, in cash and without conditions, puts the Seminary on its feet for the present. As to the instruction given by the present teaching staff, my impression was very favorable. There is no apparent reason why the Seminary should not regain its lost ground in the matter of students. My third impression is as to the need of supporting the Seminary for the sake of our Minnesota work. Without Chicago Seminary we cannot secure an adequate supply of ministers. Pastors, teachers, and parents must see to it that a sufficient number of young men turn toward the ministry. Of these a large proportion turn naturally for their training to our own seminary at Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR L. HEERMANCE.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MINNESOTA FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 12TH, 1909.

The State Association at its annual meeting held at Faribault in October last year endorsed the organization of the State Brotherhood and appointed a committee of their number for that purpose.

On their report being made and adopted the Congregational Brotherhood of Minnesota was duly organized with S. T. Johnson of Minneapolis, as President, and Hon. A. A. Miller of Crookston, and C. E. Decker of Minneapolis, Vice Presidents. Rev. C. H. Curtis of St. Paul was elected Secretary, and W. B. Gerry of St. Paul was elected Treasurer. The matter of finances for the Brotherhood was referred to the Executive Committee with the suggestion that the membership be drawn on by the apportionment plan.

Soon after the adjournment of the Association it was ascertained that, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, it would be impossible for Mr. Curtis to serve as Secretary, after which upon the vote of the directors, Rev. W. J. Gray of Merriam Park, was elected Secretary.

Very soon after the election of Mr. Gray to the position of Secretary of the Brotherhood his ill health compelled him to retire from all active work, and therefore the Brotherhood has had no active Secretary during the past year and whatever work has been accomplished by its executive officers has fallen upon the President.

One meeting of the directors was held in February of this year, at which the attendance was so small that it was not deemed wise to undertake to make any apportionment for expenses, and the only money that has been contributed for State Brotherhood expenses was $5.00 contributed by Mr. W. J. Dyer of St. Paul, and $2.00 by the Brotherhood of Alexandria, making the total receipts for Brotherhood expenses $7.00, while the expense for postage and necessary printing amounts to $40.00, leaving a debit balance advanced by the President of $32.80.

The Brotherhoods of this State and individual members contributed to the support of the National Brotherhood in the sum of $200.00. This money was contributed by the following Brotherhood Chapters and persons:

Pilgrim Men's Club, Minneapolis; Park Congregational Club, St. Paul; Plymouth Church Club, Minneapolis; Dean Horace Goodhue, Northfield; E. A. Schulz, Duluth; Hiram Scriver, Minneapolis; Albert J. Nason, St. Paul; W. J. Laird, Winona; S. T. Johnson, Minneapolis; L. A. Huntoon, Moorhead; Geo. H. Elwell, Minneapolis; C. H. Cooper, Mankato; Chas. M. Way, Minneapolis; Olivet Brotherhood, St. Paul.

During the year 21 Church clubs have by their action adopted and affiliated with the National and State Brotherhoods.

There are a number of strong men's organizations in our Churches throughout the State who, from and for reasons best known to themselves,

which the most of them have assured your President was not through a feeling of any antagonism or question as to the desirability of doing so, have failed to perfect their affiliations by having the same voted by their members and forwarding such resolutions, together with copy of Constitution, to the State or National organization. This failure is greatly to be regretted, for in numbers there are enthusiasm and strength.

Your State officers have at their request visited a number of Churches, delivered a large number of addresses, and in most instances where the Churches have been visited Brotherhoods have been organized. It is greatly to be regretted that the lack of financial support has made it impossible for this work to be carried on to a greater extent. But so far as is known to your President the Brotherhoods wherever organized are generally in a prosperous condition and many of them carrying on a very active work in the Church.

Brotherhood Bible classes as an active factor in the Sunday School are beginning to be organized to an extent that is very encouraging and hopeful, for as the men begin to understand their responsibility and opportunity in saving the boys to the Sunday School and Church they are accordingly willing to assume their rightful position, and another hopeful sign is that throughout the Brotherhoods everywhere there is a growing anxiety among the men to know more of the beauty and truths of the Bible. This increased interest in Bible study has its natural result in increased interest and activity on the part of the men in the work of the local Church.

The men did not all fall away from their Church activity at one time, nor in one day or year did they reach the condition of lethargy which the men of our Christian Churches have reached. It took time, even decades. This being true it cannot be expected that all the men of our Churches will fully realize the importance of again assuming activity in the study of the Bible and Church work, but it is extremely hopeful that as the days and months pass increased interest along these lines is being manifested by men of the Brotherhoods.

I sent to each of the Pastors in this State a blank form asking them for statistics as to the membership and active workers in their Church organization. While out of the 250 I received comparatively a small percentage of answers, yet those that I did receive showed that the percentage of active male members was about 25 per cent of that of active female members. The total membership indicated about 33 1-3 per cent of men to 66 2-3 per cent of women. The pupils in the Sunday Schools were in about the same ratio as to the boys and girls, while the teachers in the Sunday School were more than 85 per cent women. Certainly these figures show the great opportunity of the Brotherhood, for, as I have stated before this Association, I now state again that my conception of the opportunity of the Brotherhood and its rightful place is not in creating new machinery but in manning that machinery which the Church already has thoroughly organ-

ized but which so sadly needs more thorough equipment of a greater number of consecrated men.

Again, the universal evidence is that where the Brotherhoods have taken hold of the organization of a Bible class in a Sunday School the boys' classes in the Sunday School have increased in number and interest, and the Brotherhood classes are universally reported to be considered very interesting and helpful by their members.

May I urge upon all the men present, the desirability of their attendance upon and participation in the meetings of the National Brotherhood during the latter part of the week. If they gain from the meetings this week the same inspiration and help, or any considerable degree of it, that those of us who attended the Detroit Convention last year gained by that attendance, then they will be greatly repaid for their time and effort.

S. T. JOHNSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association give expression to its continued interest and pride in Carleton College; that we rejoice in the religious activities and Christian character of its faculty, in the growth of the student body, in the brightening prospects of the College for effective service and that we assure President Cowling, in undertaking his new labors, of our heartiest esteem and cordial co-operation.

Resolved, That we put on record our undiminished faith and confidence in the Congregational Brotherhood of Minnesota, that we are cheered by its report of growth during the past year, and by its important part, in the inspiration and progress of our Churches.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the growing spirit of unity among our Protestant Churches, in the union or federation of Missionary work in foreign lands, and in the organic union of certain denominations in our own country germane in polity or doctrine; and we profoundly believe that the work of Church extension in our State, especially in its newer sections, should be characterized by its broadest lines of Christian comity and fellowship.

Resolved, That in this time when the cause of temperance reform is making such marked advance in our country, we renew our pledge of loyalty to the work of the Anti-Saloon League which has borne so important a part in the successful crusade against the liquor traffic; that we rejoice in the more effective organization and work in our own State; that we welcome its representatives into our pulpits; and we call upon all our Churches to join with other Churches of the Kingdom, to give unswerving loyalty to its cause, until our State shall no longer be cursed by the licensed saloon.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the apportionment plan of benevolence inaugurated by the National Council, and we commend to our Churches,

with all urgency, a faithful adherence to it, in the disposition of the benevolent offerings.

Resolved, That we greatly deplore the trend of our people to profane the Lord's Day and therefore would urge this Association to elect a Committee of two, to act with like Committees from the various Denominations of our State, to urge upon the legislature the repeal of the Sunday Base Ball Law in the furtherance of public morals.

Resolved, That while the flags of our State are flying at half-mast in recognition of the loss of our foremost citizen—John Albert Johnson—we unite with all the people of our great commonwealth in lamenting the death of this illustrious representative of our political life, and we wish to express our appreciation of these generous qualities of mind and heart which gave to his personality such charm and influence, and also of the splendid civic ideals for which he stood, and which his public life illustrated.

Resolved, That we desire to thank the Pastor and people of Park Avenue Congregational Church for their untiring efforts to provide for pleasure and comfort among them by opening their homes and putting themselves at our service in such generous ways, and that we express our grateful appreciation by a rising vote.

H. K. PAINTER,
THEO. W. BARBOUR,
H. H. SYMONS.
Committee.

REPORT OF THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1909.

The work of the Sunday School Committee for the past year has been directed toward discovering, so far as possible, the actual conditions of Sunday School work throughout the State. To this end, a questionaire was sent out to all our Sunday Schools in the State which had reference to three special lines of inquiry: (1) Organization, (2) Administration, and (3) Expenditure.

There were only 90 responses to this urgent request, and the replies received will constitute the basis of the report. No attempt has been made to tabulate results, better secured through the Year Book.

ORGANIZATION.

On the basis of the 90 reporting schools, there are 53 with a Cradle Roll, 22 with a Home Department, 43 with an Adult Department, 99 organized classes, and 57 schools in which the Church elects the Superintendent, or ratifies the choice of the school.

ADMINISTRATION.

There are 33 schools that have Teachers' Meeting, 28 with Teacher Training, 39 that are doing graded work, and 29 that are doing some form of social work. Decision Day is observed by 15 schools, while 34 report other forms of receiving decisions for the Christian life, such as Pastor's class, the use of decision cards and personal work. Forty-one schools use the Pilgrim Lesson Helps, the others using chiefly the D. C. Cook publications, the Bible Study Union Series, or a combination of various Lesson Helps.

Of the 80 schools which report on Church attendance, a plurality (22) states that one-half the membership of the school attends the Church services.

The number uniting with the Church the past year was 402. Five schools are entirely supported by the Church, 6 in part, while 79 altogether support themselves.

EXPENDITURE.

The total benevolences of these schools is $2,776, of which $623 is for objects other than our own organized work, and a sum greater than the amount given to any one of our benevolent societies.

The expense for the maintenance of these schools was $6,700, making the total amount of money raised for benevolent offerings and self support $9,476.

Analyzing now these facts and comparing them with results secured by a similar inquiry made two years ago, there are definite reasons for encouragement.

Then on the basis of the schools reporting, 31 per cent of them had Cradle Rolls; now 59 per cent, nearly twice as many. Then 12 per cent had Home Departments; now 23 per cent, or nearly twice as many.

Then there were 52 per cent of the Schools in which the Superintendent was elected by the Church, or whose choice by the School was ratified by the Church; now the percentage rises to 63 per cent, thus showing a growing tendency to organically relate the Church to the School.

Then the number of Schools having Teacher Training was only 17 per cent; now it is 33 per cent, or nearly twice as many. That there has been no gain in the number of Teachers' Meetings—the percentage each year standing at 37 per cent—is doubtless owing to the fact that there has been a great increase in the number of schools having Teacher Training, in some cases substituting the latter for the former.

Then only 17 per cent were doing Graded Work; now there are 43 per per cent, or more than twice as many.

Then the Committee in its Annual Report said, "By far the greater majority of Schools reporting use the David C. Cook publications." Now our Pilgrim Lesson Helps nose out these publications for first place by 10 ma jority.

Recognizing the fact that it is difficult to secure accurate returns on Church attendance, yet on the basis of the estimates received, there is reason for good cheer. Two years ago the Committee reported that in almost every place except a rural school, even in the small town, the proportion was considerably below a quarter of the enrollment. The present returns show not only a plurality of schools (22) that report one-half their members in attendance upon the Church service, but that the number reporting one-fourth or more is 65 per cent of the whole.

Two years ago 26 per cent of all monies raised was voted to benevolence. On the basis of the present returns the percentage rises to 29 per cent—a gain of 3 per cent. It should be said, however, that there needs to be a more equitable distribution of our benevolent offering.

The Sunday School is an educational institution; and yet our Educational Society gets but $20. Our Schools gather in buildings a large percentage of which have been erected by the aid of the Church Building Society; and yet this Society gets but $39. The American Board in receiving $424 gets not a penny too much. It only needs to be said that other objects of benevolence should receive more adequate recognition.

There are only two respects in which the present returns do not compare favorably with those of two years ago. 1. The number of pupils uniting with the church from 90 schools is 402, as against 603 from 120 schools two years ago. This would seem to indicate, probably, a slight decrease in the total number of additions.

2. Instead of an increase in the number of schools reporting, as had been hoped for and expected, there was a decrease, as has been seen, from 120 to 90. Among those not reporting are a dozen or more of our more important Schools. This failure of the Schools to report, even after repeated solicitation, makes the work of the Committee less valuable than it seeks to be and otherwise would be.

In spite of these deficiencies, however, it is the conviction of your Committee that our Sunday Schools were never so well organized, never so well administered, and were never doing so intelligent and effective work as they are today. In the training of teachers—the supreme factor in the Sunday School problem—and in the grading of schools especially in the lower departments, there has been a very marked advance. On all sides there is cheering evidence of the growing importance of the Sunday School as a means of the religious education of the young, that more adequate methods are being used to realize its great aim, and that it is increasingly recognized as one of the most effective agencies for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

H. K. PAINTER,
W. H. MEDLAR,
ED. A. MASON.
Committee.

Sunday-School Statistics for Year Ending December 31st, 1908.

Abbreviations: P—Pilgrim. B.—Bible Study Union. W—Westminster. C—Cook.

School	Superintendents	Total Membership	Average Attendance	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Adult Department	No. of Departments	Organized Classes	Election Supt.	Teacher's Meeting	Teacher Training	Graded Work	Social Work	Children's Day	Lesson Helps	Church Attendance	United with Church	Church Supporting	A. B. C. F. M.	C. E. S.	C. C. B. S.	C. H. M. S.	C. S. S. & P. S.	A. M. A.	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolence	Expense	Total Expenditures
ORGANIZATION.										**ADMINISTRATION**									**EXPENDITURE**									
Ada	C. R. Andrews	92	58	Yes	No	No	2	1	S. S.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	P.	½	0	No	14	..	..	5	6	5	2	32	44	76
Akeley	Wm. A. M. Davis	96	70	No	No	No	2	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	.....	0	No	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	5	50	55
Alexandria	C. Larson	212	145	Yes	No	Yes	..	3	S. S.	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	.....	17	No	8	12	..	7	10	5	8	45	116	161
Anoka	Geo. H. Goodrich	138	105	Yes	No	Yes	2	..	S. S.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P.	½	5	No	..	..	..	5	..	..	6	11	113	124
Appleton	H. W. McDougal	91	46	Yes	Yes	No	3	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	.....	0	No	..	..	..	..	12	..	18	30	45	75
Barnesville	David C. Henderson	135	90	No	No	Yes	3	0	S. S.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	½	8	No	2	..	..	5	6	50	..	63	57	120
Belview	S. N. Adset	87	27	No	No	No	1	..	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	¾	0	No	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	22	24
Benson	F. C. Robins	94	60	No	No	No	2	..	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	.....	2	No	2	2	2	3	8	..	..	17	81	98
Bertha	H. O. Le Gro	24	17	No	No	No	1	..	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	⅔	0	No	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23	24
Biwabik	H. G. Harris	161	107	No	No	No	2	..	S. S.	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	P. & C.	1-10	4	No	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	6	35	81
Brainerd, First	D. E. Whitney	129	70	Yes	No	No	4	..	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	.....	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brownton	Mrs. Frank Mann	79	63	No	No	Yes	3	..	S. S.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	½	0	No	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	5	33	38
Burtrum	Wm. L. Martin	60	40	No	No	No	3	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	1-10	0	No	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	21	24
Birchdale	T. W. Howard	40	25	No	No	Yes	3	..	S. S.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	P.	All	5	No	..	..	..	8	13	..	..	21	25	46
Cable (St. Cloud)	Walter Gregory	27	25	No	No	Yes	3	0	S. S.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	C.	All	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..
Cambria	J. L. Harris	72	35	No	No	No	..	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	.....	All	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5
Campbell	Mrs. A. G. Young	60	33	No	No	No	..	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	¾	0	No	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	7	40	47
Cannon Falls (First)	Geo. T. Valentine	55	35	Yes	No	Yes	6	1	Ch.	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	P.	.....	0	No	5	..	..	5	7	..	47	64	30	94
Cass Lake	Mrs. C. E. Battles	74	55	Yes	No	No	..	1	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	.....	0	No	..	..	..	..	15	..	45	90	..	90
Clarissa (Union)	Mrs. L. D. Thayer	53	36	No	No	No	..	0	S. S.	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	C.	½	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	21
Clear Water	Wm. B. Pineo	58	41	No	No	No	2	0	Ch.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	1-5	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	86
Cottage Grove	Mrs. G. R. G. Fisher	48	36	No	No	Yes	4	0	S. S.	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	1-10	10	No	7	..	..	..	5	..	..	12	..	..
Crookston	L. S. Miller	178	130	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	4	Ch.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	B.	1-5	0	No	..	..	..	24	20	..	..	44	176	220
Dawson	K. K. Clark	150	85	Yes	Yes	No	4	0	Ch.	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	C.	¼	..	No	5	5	5	3	12	3	10	40	85	125
Detroit	A. R. M. Emerson	162	80	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	6	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	P. & C.	½	12	No	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	7	102	109
Dodge Center	B. D. Badger	100	50	Yes	No	No	3	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	½	6	No	..	5	..	..	3	..	10	18	44	59

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—Continued.

ORGANIZATION.										ADMINISTRATION								EXPENDITURE														
School	Superintendents	Total Membership	Average Attendance	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Adult Department	No. of Departments	Organized Classes	Election Supt.	Teacher's Meeting	Teacher Training	Graded Work	Social Work	Children's Day	Lesson Helps	Church Attendance	United with Church	Church Supporting	A. B. C. F. M.		C. E. S.		C. C. B. S.		C. H. M. S.		C. S. S. & P. S.		A. M. A.		Other Benevolences		Total Benevolence		Expense		Total Expenditures
Duluth, (Ply.)	Dr. Howard Baker	75	55	No	No	No	3	0	Ch.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	C.	1-10	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	50	..	55
Fairmont	Mr. G. H. Ludtke	182	119	Yes	No	No	4	2	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P. & C.	¼	12	No	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	15	132	147				
Fair Oaks (Anoka)	Horace Boxwell	38	25	No	No	No	1	0	Ch.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	All	4	No	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	23	30				
Felton	Mrs. Otto Dahl	56	40	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	0	S. S.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	P.	.....	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fergus Falls	Mrs. A. R. Kitto	166	130	Yes	No	Yes	4	1	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	¾	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	10	..	15	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	15
Garvin	D. M. Jones	60	35	No	No	No	2	0	S. S.	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	C.	All	2	No	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	4	..	53	..	67				
Gaylord	Wm. Dunwell	48	35	No	No	No	2	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	No	C.	¼	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	46				
Grand Marais	Dr. F. B. Hicks	28	28	No	Yes	Yes	2	0	S. S.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	C.	⅔	0	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	17				
Glencoe	A. Simons	121	85	Yes	No	No	2	6	S. S.	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	B.	¼	5	No	..	..	..	..	4	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	92	109				
Glenwood	W. A. Simonton	208	....	Yes	No	No	2	0	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P.	.....	11	No	3	..	1	3	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	125	141				
Grand Meadow	Mrs. E. N. Greening	84	55	Yes	No	Yes	3	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P. & C.	¼	3	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	55	58				
Hutchinson	C. K. Goodnow	150	108	Yes	No	Yes	3	0	S. S.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	P.	⅓	5	No	2	1	..	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	108	118				
Kasota	A. H. Dahlstrom	30	30	No	No	No	2	0	Ch.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	.....	¾	2	Part	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	33				
Lake City (Swed.)	J. M. Peterson	65	56	No	No	Yes	3	0	Ch.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Swed.	⅓	0	Part	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	4	36	40				
Madison	Leonora N. Bauer	136	79	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P.	¾	0	No	6	..	..	..	7	14	..	..	..	5	..	32	120	152				
Mankato (First)	Thos. Hughes	177	73	No	No	No	2	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	.....	2-5	10	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	10	..	..	18	86	104				
Mantorville	H. S. Smith	86	61	Yes	Yes	Yes	7	0	Ch.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	⅓	1	No	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	5	..	13	55	70				
Mapleton	U. G. Argetsinger	71	50	Yes	No	No	3	0	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P.	⅓	0	No	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	10	58	68				
Marietta	Mrs. C. P. Smith.	108	70	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	0	S. S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P. & C.	⅔	0	No	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	98	102				
Marshall	J. C. Lawrence	118	74	Yes	No	Yes	5	0	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P.	¼	6	Yes	15	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	45	65	110				
Mazeppa	Charles Turner	95	59	No	No	No	2	0	Ch.	No	Yes	No	No	No	C.	1-10	0	Yes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	17	66	83				
Medford	William H. Gilman	91	65	No	No	No	5	0	S. S.	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	C.	⅔	28	No	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	..	13	67	80				
Minneapolis, First	Geo. H. Elwell	151	157	No	No	Yes	4	3	Ch.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	¼	..	Yes	35	..	24	35	8	45	61	184	..	..	184							
" Ply	Harington Beard	409	265	Yes	No	Yes	4	3	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	B.	½	25	Yes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	339	..	386				
" Vine	E. M. Newcomb	....	131	Yes	No	No	5	0	Ch.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	.....	3-20	..	No	3	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	31	102	133				
" Como	J. T. Elwell	236	140	Yes	No	Yes	5	0	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	1-10	9	No	53	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	..	..	61	91	156				
" Union	Bertha Bates	130	85	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	1	Ch.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	P.	½	17	No	11	..	..	4	7	..	78	107	117	224								
" Lyndale	C. D. Siehl	800	402	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	10	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	P. & C.	.....	..	.....	73	..	..	19	42	18	49	201	384	590								
" Fremont Ave.	A. M. Claney	352	230	Yes	No	Yes	5	0	Ch.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	C.	¼	3	Part	15	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	15	36	236	321							
" Mizpah	E. A. Spafford	77	67	Yes	No	.....	2	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	W.	⅛	5	No	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	50	55							

Minneapolis, Oak Park	L. C. Talmage	224	175	Yes	No	Yes	4	1	Ch.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	B.	½	20	No												5	250	255
" Forest H'g'ts	Harry Williams	231	199	No	No	No	3	5	Ch.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	C.	¼	17	No												285	128	413
" Linden Hills	C. F. Williams	352	200	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	8	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	C.	1-3	6	No	14								14	7	35	370	405
" Minnehaha	Isabella Wilson	125	....	No	No	No	8	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	1-10	0	No							13	2			15	82	97
Montevideo	W. J. Gifford	178	110	No	No	Yes	3	1	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	B.	¼	3	No									14		14	110	124
New Richland	Mrs. H. E. Johnson	54	35	Yes	No	No	..	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	¼	..	No	2										2	...	2
New Ulm	A. H. Chenhard	80	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	1	Ch.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P.	¾	6	No	5				5	25					35	150	185
Northfield																																	
Nymore	T. J. Martin	37	23	No	No	No	1	9	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	½	0	No												14	14
Orrock	Miss Grace Craig	43	24	Yes	Yes	No	3	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	⅗	0	No	4				2	3					9	11	20
Owatonna	Paul H. Evans	259	160	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	4	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	P. & B.	½	15	No						33					33	114	147
Pelican Rapids	E. L. Peterson	132	70	Yes	No	Yes	5	0	Ch.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	1-10	0	No					10	8					18	75	93
Princeton	Geo. A. Swertfager	152	85	No	No	No	2	0	Ch.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	P.		17	No	3										3	142	145
Rose Creek	F. G. Ray	32	20	No	No	No	1	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	No	C.	½	0	No					4						4	8	12
St. Charles	C. T. Knapp	120	80	Yes	No	No	2	0	Ch.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	P.		0	No	15										15	92	107
St. Paul, Plymouth	J. A. Humphrey			Yes	Yes	Yes	6	0	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	½	2	No						5					5	100	105
" Pacific	C. A. Fowble	420	230	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	6	Ch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	P. & C.	¾	7	No											52	286	338
" Bethany	Chas. Cressey	112	95	Yes	No	No	2	0	Ch.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	P.	⅛	0	No						25		18			43	175	218
" Olivet	E. D. Parker	181	127	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	0	Ch.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	P.	¼	..	No	10				5	20		16			51	74	125
" So. Park	C. W. Clark	80	45	No	No	No	1	0	S. S.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	P.		5	No	1					8		7			16	82	98
" Peoples	Henry C. Casper	303	200	Yes	No	Yes	4	2	Ch.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		½	17	Part	36					7					43	259	302
" Cyril	Mary E. Stanard	77	45	No	No	No	..	0	S. S.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	C.	1-20	0	No	8				2	2		2			14	30	44
Sauk Center	Wm. A. Morse	137	75	Yes	No	No	3	2	Ch.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	P.	⅛	6	No	5				5			1			11	75	86
Seaforth	D. H. Patchin	47	30	No	No	No	..	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	⅛	0	Part												15	15
Shevlin	J. C. Lewis	59	35	No	No	No	1	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	½	2	No	1				2	3					6	28	34
Sleepy Eye	P. N. Hoag	150	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	1-20	10	No	2				2						4	100	104
Spring Valley	Frank Kingsley	113	81	Yes	No	Yes	4	0	S. S.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	¼	0	Part					12	8					20	81	101
Stewart	Mr. T. L. Egnon	50	32	No	No	No	4	0	Ch.	No	No	No	No	Yes	P.	½	2	No		2			2	5					9	21	30
Tintah	Mrs. Nellie McGee	71	35	No	No	No	1	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	½	0	No						5					5	24	29
Turtle River	Mrs. B. D. Bridgham	52	27	No	No	No	2	0	Ch.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	P.		0	No					2	4					6	41	47
Wabasha	J. W. Murcok	140	85	Yes	No	Yes	4	0	S. S.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	½	6	No		3									3	60	63
Waseca	Jake Rergel	140	81	Yes	No	Yes	1	1	Ch.	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	P.	¼	3	No						9	3	5			17	79	96
Wayzata	Calvin Smock	163	100	Yes	Yes	....	4	2	S. S.	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	C.	⅕	10	No								5			5	50	55
Winthrop	S. A. Barnes	90	65	Yes	No	No	1	0	S. S.	No	No	No	No	Yes	C.	1-10	10	No												25	25
Zumbrota	J. F. Fuller	89	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	2	Ch.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	P.	½	0	No	2					2		4			8	54	62

SUMMARY.—Total membership schools reporting 11,887, Cradle Roll 53, Home Department 22, Adult Department 43. Organized Class 99, Church Elects Supt. 57, Teachers' Training 33, Teachers' Meeting 28, Graded Work 39, Social Work 29, Decision Day 15, Other Forms 34. Lesson Helps—Pilgrim 41, Cook 31, Pilgrim and Cook 8, Bible Story Winners 4, Westminster 1, Joined Church 402.

CHURCH SUPPORT.—All 5: Part 6, None 79.

EXPENDITURES.—A. B. C. F. M. $424, C. E. S. $20, C. C. B. S. $39, C. H. M. S. $248, A. M. A. $141, C. S. S. & P. S. $532. Other Benevolences $623, Total Benevolences $2,276, Expense $6,700, Grand Total $9,476.

REPORT OF INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION OF MINNESOTA.

To the members of the co-operating denominations in Minnesota:
Fellow Laborers in Our Lord's Kingdom:

On Feb. 25, 1908, a meeting was called in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to consider ways and means for further co-operation, specifically to form, if feasible, an interdenominational commission in our state. At this meeting six denominations—Baptist, Congregational, Disciples, Free Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian—were represented by fifteen delegates. A constitution was prepared and adopted for presentation to the several denominations at their next succeeding annual gathering.

A year later—January 11th, 1909—in accordance with the terms of the above mentioned constitution, a meeting of the Interdenominational Commission of Minnesota was held in the Central Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Baptist, Congregational, Free Baptist and Presbyterian denominations had ratified the constitution presented to them from the above mentioned meeting of February 25, 1908, and had elected the following commissioners:

Baptist—Lathan A. Crandall, D. D., Rev. E. R. Pope.
Congregational—Geo. R. Merrill, D. D., Rev. Chas. H. Curtis.
Free Baptist—Rev. G. W. Stansbury, Rev. Benjamin Franklin.
Presbyterian—Stanley B. Roberts, D. D., Rev. J. T. Henderson.

This commission has met nine times with an average attendance of six members.

The Free Baptist Commissioners have been changed on account of the removal of the original commissioners from the state, Mr. Arthur Carlton of Minneapolis having been elected by their yearly meeting in 1909 to represent them on the commission.

Each denomination represented has contributed $15.00, making the financial receipts for the year $60.00. $55.70 has been spent, leaving a balance on hand of $4.30.

The thirty-six southern counties of the state have been canvassed for the denominational situation in city, village and township.

Your commission considered this religious study of the state an absolutely necessary first step to an understanding of the situation and for intelligent, effective co-operation. Thus far our quest has revealed:

1. An unexpected and gratifying lack of overcrowding, and

2. An equally unexpected religious neglect of considerable rural districts.

We herewith submit as the plan for the coming year:

1. To complete the survey of the state and publish the result.

2. By publicity and conference to produce a sentiment that will prevent duplication of work, especially in the specifically missionary portions of the state.

We believe that, in order to accomplish the largest results in the shortest time, the personnel of the commission should, so far as is possible, be permanent.

Respectfully submitted for the commission.

CHAS. H. CURTIS, Secretary.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

MR. MODERATOR:

Your Secretary in submitting this, another annual report, would not omit expressing for the Board of Trustees their hearty appreciation of gifts received during the year just closed from the State Association, the five Conferences and the Churches from whom contributions to this very worthy cause have been received. Five families have been aided during the year and it is quite likely that others in the immediate future may be helped, as the Board is just now considering applications lately to hand. The small amount of cash on hand as reported by your Treasurer will all be paid out in less than two weeks' time. Funds received on account of money paid in on contracts relating to sale of property and accrued interest, will be invested in interest bearing mortgages at the discretion of the Board, through the Committee appointed for that purpose, at our last meeting.

The two members whose term of office expire at this time are David Percy Jones and Robert P. Herrick.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MORRIS,
Secretary,
567 Bidwell St.,
St. Paul.

October 11th, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1908		
Oct. 1st, cash in Treasurer's hand	$41.59	
Cash on contracts and int. D. P. Jones & Co	177.47	$219.06
Collections from State Asso. and Conferences—		
Oct. 6th, State Asso. Coll., Faribault	36.76	
Oct. 8th, Northern Pacific Conf. for year 1907-08	5.57	
1909		
June, Northern Pacific Conf., for year 1908-09	9.56	
May 6th, Minneapolis Conf., by (S. J. R.)	7.04	
May 19th, St. Paul Conf., by (N. P. O.)	13.55	
June 3rd, Duluth Conf., by (A. Milne)	7.25	
June 3rd, Central Conf., by (G. L. Freak)	5.70	
Collections from 16 churches		85.43
Total	$143.91	$143.91
Woman's Missionary, So. 5th Ave., Minneapolis	7.00	7.00
Interest on deposits, (bank)	2.31	2.31
Total	$457.71	$457.71
Disbursements during year—		
Aid given to five families	320.20	320.20
Postage stamps and postoffice cards	2.06	2.06
Cash in hand	135.45	135.45
	$457.71	$457.71
Interest bearing funds with D. P. Jones & Co. Agency	2,128.94	
First Mortgages		600.00
First Mortgages		550.00
First Mortgages		600.00
Cash paid on contracts and interests		378.94
Total	$2,128.94	$2,128.94

Requests for aid amounting to over $100 are now being examined.

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

Dated October 9, 1909.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS,
Auditor.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE TO THE CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

My duties as Director of the League having been but slight, and not such as to bring me into very close touch with the actual work of the League, I am unable to give you a first-hand report. I have, however, written to Mr. P. J. Youngdahl, our State Superintendent, for facts and information, and in reply he has sent me a resume of the year's work, which letter I beg leave to read and submit as my report.

STANLEY M. HUMBY

Minneapolis, Minn., October 6, 1909.

Rev. Stanley M. Humby,
2113 Ilion Ave. N.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Brother Humby:—There has been no election since I became Superintendent, so, of course, no definite gains can be showed in that line. We have been giving our entire time first towards getting our field force thoroughly organized, and putting each man where he can serve the best. Secondly, organizing the State by voting precincts, and thirdly, raising a sufficient fund, so as to put the Anti-Saloon League of this State, not only on a safe, but on a comfortable financial basis, a position which it has never held in its history to date.

In organizing our field force our general plan has been this: We believe that in order for the League to do the most efficient work it is very necessary that men shall be located right on the field, to enable them to better come into very close contact with the people with whom they are expected to work. Nearly all, in fact all, the successful leagues of the country have districted their states. This has never been done in Minnesota. For some reason, it has been felt that it was better to have all the men located at headquarters. To our mind, this has not enabled them to do as much or as good work as they should and for this reason, in order to enable each man to be able to accomplish the most in the coming great fight, we have divided the state into four districts, the northern district, with headquarters either at Brainerd or Duluth to include the northern one-third of the state, the central district to commence with Grant and Douglas counties in the north and to extend south as far as the Minnesota river, and to include the central part of the state. The headquarters of this district will be at Minneapolis, for the reason that all the railroads of this district center here, and besides this, the legislative office will be at Willmar, and this will be the center of this district, so that a great deal of work can be done from that. The southern district will include nearly all of the two southern tiers of counties, and in the west will run up as far as the Minnesota river to the north. This district will have an office at Mankato. The fourth district will be the Twin City district, to include the two cities and a few near lying counties. Each one of

these districts will be in charge of a district superintendent, except the central district, which will be in the hands of the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. A. H. Clarke. Aside from this we have departmentized the work to such an extent that the three main branches of our work, Agitation, Legislation and Law Enforcement, will have each a man at the head as superintendent. For the legislative position we congratulate ourselves most highly, in the person of Mr. Elias Rachie of Willmar, a man of exceptional ability along this line, a man, who has had legislative experience himself and who, in the common phraseology of politics is thoroughly "on to the ropes." The Law Enforcement department will be in the hands of W. I. Morton, the man who at the present time is the attorney of the Minneapolis Civic Federation, and a man who at present is hated by the saloon people probably more than any other man. We are planning also, if possible, to make our paper a weekly the first of the year. The editor of the paper will then be also in charge of the department of Agitation. The present editor, Mr. C. W. Stark, will in all probability take charge of this. Of course, you understand as a trustee that all these plans are subject to the approval of the annual meeting of the trustees next December. We have, however, been working with this plan in mind, and in order that we may be able to put the plan in operation if the trustees approve, as I have no doubt they will, we have been securing a field force that in every respect is competent. Last week Dr. Ezra Clemans, formerly the District Superintendent of the Duluth District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, decided to become one of the workers. In him we have a bulwark of strength.

Our plan of organizing for the state has been to secure three or four men who will promise to act as local committeemen in every voting precinct throughout the state. This work has been generally done by mail. I should judge we have already secured about 2,000 names of such men. Aside from this we have had several county conferences at which the counties have been formally organized. One of the things that may interest you is that for the first time in the history of any league, the Minnesota League has been represented at our state fair. We had an office there to which our friends were invited. Between five and six hundred people called at the office. We distributed with very good effect about one-half million pages of literature, and altogether the venture was a great success.

It may interest you that last March in the village elections six towns that were "dry" went "wet," while 37 towns that had been "wet" went "dry," clear gain of 31.

I am very glad, for the interest that the Congregational brotherhood of this state is taking in our work. I am very glad also for the businesslike attitude which they show in asking their own elected trustee to furnish report of the work. It is so far as I know an absolutely new venture, but it most certainly is the right and proper thing.

Thanking you for your personal co-operation, I am,

Very fraternally yours, P. J. YOUNGDAHL,
State Superintendent.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK IN MINNESOTA.

I suppose that if a boy when he reaches twenty-one years of age attains his majority the Congregational Missionary Sunday School work in Minnesota may claim with this report to be grown-up and to be a voter. At least for twenty-one years the Sunday School Society has had a very active part in the growth and development of Congregationalism in the North Star State. It is worth something, surely, to have some one keep track of the settlement and development in so big an empire as the State of Minnesota. It is worth more to have some part through the organization of the Mission Sunday School in the religious beginning of so many communities in the State. It is worth still more to group these beginnings into circuits and secure for them, at a very small expense, the regular preaching of God's Word and such care and advice as the monthly visit of the Missionary can afford. It is worth most of all to have this Spirit of God descend in revival work in these neighborhoods where preaching stations have been maintained and to know that one and another of the older ones, as well as the young people, has given his heart and his life to the service of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Looking over the work of the last year we can see that there has been accomplished some work of value along each of these lines and for the blessing and direction in this effort we come to the conclusion of the year with thankfulness. Let us for a few minutes review the work of the last year in connection with the efforts of each of the seven workers, who at one time or another has been employed during the last year by the Sunday School Society.

In St. Paul and its vicinity two workers have been engaged for part of the time. Rev. E. C. Lyons, who has been on the Society's list of workers for over fifteen years, completed his term of service with the Gladstone field. Mr. Lyon's work at Minnehaha Church demanded both morning and evening and the afternoon proved an unfavorable time for service at Gladstone. Gladstone is an interesting little suburb of St. Paul and the work here was originally prosecuted by People's Church. A building which was formerly a meat market downstairs and a flat overhead is owned by the St. Paul Union. During the last year the building has been fitted up downstairs and the Sunday School has been maintained by the faithful service of two godly women. I have hope for the time when some minister wishing to retire and yet live near the city might find it possible to make his home at Gladstone and care for this work. The compensation would be very slight, but as our work is the only religious service in the community there would be opportunity for Christian work of value at Gladstone. If Missionary funds allowed such a service might be easily maintained.

At Bell Chapel, named for John E. Bell of honored memory, Rev. W. A. Black and his energetic wife have rendered a faithful service the last year.

In the latter part of the winter the pastor's health became impaired to such an extent that the pulpit work has devolved upon others ever since. Through the efforts of the pastor's wife services were maintained and now, beginning with the first of October, Mr. Homer Borst, of the State University, is taking up the work with great vigor and interest. Factories have located by the score around this Church and a large population is within its proper field. It is hoped that under Mr. Borst's leadership a new future may develop for the John E. Bell Sunday School. It should be added that the St. Paul Congregational Union, under President Campbell, has been the large partner in this work, and that the Home Missionary Society has rendered a generous and essential help. The oversight of the work, however, has fallen largely, as was proper, to the Sunday School Society.

At New Richland, during the summer, by the generosity of Lyndale Church, Mr. Cedric C. Crawford, of Carleton College, was employed to care for the vacant work and to hold and build up the circuit of preaching stations in three farming communities in the country. Although new to this work Mr. Crawford dealt with his problem with such wisdom and ability that the field was ready in the fall to unite with Freeborn in the calling of a regular pastor. Two schools were reorganized and did a good summer's work and since Mr. Crawford left the field a third neighborhood has organized a farm house Sunday School which will be maintained during the winter. All this work was shaped up originally by Rev. Vaclav Prucha, now of Mantorville, and the circuit work in Freeborn County has been beautiful in spirit and rewarding in service.

In Aitken County, where Rev. Wm. Read has been working solely under the commission of the Home Missionary Society, it has fallen to the happy lot of the Sunday School Society to assist at Waukenabo, Hay Point and two neighborhoods in the vicinity of Waldeck, with supplies and helps for the Sunday School side of the work. Mr. Read informs us that the new Winnipeg line of the Soo road extension, west from Duluth, is to pass through the neighborhoods where these schools have been organized and that two or three Churches should develop out of this work. This reward of Sunday School occupation has been again and again the history as railroads have extended in various parts of the state. The Cass Lake work is one example of such an outcome.

Rev. W. J. Conard, our faithful worker in the north, has had a year of successful service in Itasca, Cass, Hubbard and Todd counties. For the Home Missionary Society he has held the Church in Bertha for two Sundays of each month. While this work is of value it belongs in the report of the Home Missionary Superintendent, except that we may say that in several outside neighborhoods, with the assistance of Mr. Rolph Perley, branch Sunday Schools have been maintained and preaching services much of the year. On the eastern end of the circuit at Bena, and at out-stations north and south, by twelve miles of travel Mr. Conard has maintained regular service in the care of the work. At Leach Lake Dam, where the govern-

ment has a plant of considerable importance, Mr. Conard has kept up the interest of the work in the face of many difficulties. Now it appears that the Soo extension to Winnipeg may make a division point and town in this neighborhood. Very probably we shall have another such Church as that which grew out of our work at Mahnomen some years ago, under similar circumstances. At least in Mr. Conard we have a worker well equipped for caring for such an opportunity. At Jenkins, on the International Railway, Mr. Conard has helped the community in the building of a House of Worship. This building is nearly completed and the interest in the religious service at this point grows constantly. Evangelistic meetings held at this point in the spring helped forward the Sunday School and preaching work at this point. With Mr. Conard has been working the Rev. George M. Sheets. Besides the field at Backus and Hackensack, which is Home Missionary work, Mr. Sheets has cared for Sunday Schools in the farm communities in the forest at Pontoria and White Fish. To reach these points Mr. Sheets had the loan of a horse and buggy until September. When the owner could no longer furnish this accommodation the care of these out-stations became a problem. On his small salary Mr. Sheets could not purchase the necessary horse and carriage. Under these circumstances the Sunday School Society, through Mr. Conard, has purchased from an estate at a low price a horse and carriage and sleigh which will enable Mr. Sheets to make these country appointments as usual. We are asking the State Association at this meeting to take an offering to help pay for this equipment which will remain the property of the Sunday School Society in case of any change in the work. Mr. Sheets has shown himself well adapted to the evangelistic work required in these various communities and the Sunday School Society has been glad to have a part in his work. Taken all in all the work under Mr. Conard's supervision has been eminent in service and Christian spirit the last year.

Rev. John F. Okerstein, or "Uncle John" or "Saint John" as he is sometimes called by those who know him best, has rendered the past year a fine service to Swedish-American communities in Wisconsin and North Dakota as well as in Minnesota. He has just returned from supplying at Oakes, North Dakota, a group of fields which required preaching in both English and Swedish, the pastor having been for months in a hospital at St. Paul and unable to care for the work. In Minnesota, particularly in Todd and Morrison counties, Mr. Okerstein has done valuable work. In one such service in a community where an English Sunday School was maintained from which the Swedish neighbors had stood aloof, by Mr. Okerstein's visit these Swedish people were brought into service and relation with our English speaking Sunday Schooi. Out from Clarissa and at Eagle Bend, and at Flensburg as well as Little Falls, at Elmdale and in St. Paul, Mr. Okerstein has done some notable work the last year. Never a month passes but some conversions are reported as a result of his earnest work.

To the Superintendent of the State has fallen this year, since June, a considerable responsibility for guiding the work in South Dakota in connection

with the Missionary District of which Minneapolis for the present is the center. Notwithstanding this additional service required and the larger work to be reported than in any previous years, especially in personal activity as well as in oversight of the various fields in the state. At Forest Street in St. Paul, where there is a population of some ten thousand people, with ours the only English speaking work in the boundary, a Church building costing, with the lots, thirty-two hundred dollars has been erected and put into service and with the help of the Building Society paid for. Rev. Wm. Loos in charge of the German Church in West St. Paul, has charge of Sunday School and Church on this field. By reason of the lack of means on the field the erection of this building has been an item so great for the field that direct religious effort had to wait until the building problem was out of the way. Nevertheless a Women's Aid Society, a Christian Endeavor, a good Sunday School and a fairly successful evening service have been maintained. To the courage and patience of Mr. Loos much is due in the success of the work at Forest Street Church. It has fallen to my lot to put more time and effort in this field in St. Paul the last year than on any single enterprise in the State, but it pays to stay by a work until it is brought through to success. At Morningside, beyond Lake Harriet, a Sunday School was organized early in the spring under the leadership of Dudley Parsons and other Christian workers associated with Linden Hills Church. The enterprise has progressed until a little chapel has been built and it is now proposed to call a regular pastor to this field in connection with Edina Mills which becomes independent of St. Louis Park. Wm. Penn Sunday School in north Minneapolis, was very nearly a Christmas gift to the denomination through the effort of Deacon Hamilton and a company of young people trained in Christian work by Pastor Humbey of Forest Heights Church. Meeting in a store building this Sunday School is located across the street from a public school building with twelve rooms and about five hundred children. It has eminently a field of work and service and is being well conducted under Superintendent Hubbard.

One of the most interesting openings for help by the Sunday School Society was at Minnewashta, beyond Excelsior. This community, gathered by a beautiful lake and settled with prosperous fruit growers, had maintained a Sunday School for some years in the organization of which the Society had a part. When the question of Church organization came up, and Pastor Swain was called in from Excelsior, it became our happy privilege to advise and help in the development of the Sunday School into a Congregational Church which was duly recognized by a Council held in June. Over fifty people became charter members in this Church and already lots have been secured and plans made for the erection of a building. These glimpses of the work suggest a thousand other tasks that have fallen to the lot of the Sunday School Society in the great commonwealth of Minnesota, the omission of which in our judgment would have been one of the most costly mistakes that could be made by the denomination. Out of this work of

beginnings and pioneering must come the larger items which make up the report of Church activities in the State of Minnesota. More than ever before are we indebted to the Woman's Home Missionary Union, and to the generous help of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, for the means to prosecute this wide-reaching work of the missionary Sunday School. To all who have helped, often with surprising generosity, and to the guidance of the Heavenly Father in all this effort, we make our sincere acknowledgment in concluding this Twenty-first Annual Report.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Supt. C. S. S. & P. S. for Minn.

REVIEW OF THE MISSIONARY YEAR.

BY

George R. Merrill, D. D., Supt. C. H. M. S.

(Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society at Minneapolis, Oct. 12th, 1909).

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OUT OF DEBT.

It is fit to begin with a word of rejoicing that the Congregational Home Missionary Society, the mother of us all, is relieved by the success of the Together Campaign from its burden of debt. It is a matter of satisfaction that Minnesota, though not out of its swaddling clothes, could have some little share in the deliverance. The way is now open, let us hope, for the prosecution with new vigor of that aggressive work in the Northwest and Southwest that has waited past all endurance. May Minnesota be prompted to long for and secure its own worthy part in it.

THE FIRST DECADE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY IN MINNESOTA.

Before another annual meeting we shall have closed the first decade of the century in our Home Missionary Work in Minnesota.

At the beginning of the decade, interest in the work on the part of our Churches, as indicated by offerings, was at its lowest ebb. There were on the schedule for the year 1900, 53 aided fields. Of these 20 have come to self-support; 5 have dissolved and faded away by absorption or change in population, and 28 are still with us.

Of the 82 places on the schedule for the year 1909-10, 53 are where our work has begun in the present century. During the Missionary year, for a third time, the Churches of the State responded to the appeal, "Minnesota Work with Minnesota Money."

The Executive Committee of the National Society seemed so sure that we had acquired the habit, that the appropriation made for us the present year is the nominal sum of one hundred dollars.

THE YEAR.

A detailed review of the work of the year follows. It is made up of bare facts and cannot even suggest the heroism and patience and self-denial in which consecrated men and women have wrought. Minnesota is a great State: but nowhere greater than in the character and service of its company of Home Missionary Pastors and Churches.

OUR SIX VARIETIES.

Our review may be more intelligent if undertaken in accordance with the actual distribution of the work under its six varieties.

Twenty-five per cent of the expenditure has been for Churches in the cities of the State, seven per cent in rural neighborhoods, twenty-one per cent in what are deemed over-churched communities, twelve per cent in the mining and forest region, twenty-three per cent in communities of normal development and twelve per cent in unorganized Missionary Endeavor.

IN THE CITIES.

Twenty-five per cent of our expenditure, and more than that proportion of service is in the larger cities of the State. The aid from the Society, however, represents but a fraction of the Missionary work done in the cities. In the TWIN CITIES, the City Unions of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and in DULUTH and WINONA, the stronger Churches contribute in money and in workers to the support of the same fields, and give proof that our Congregational fellowship is a real thing. PLYMOUTH, WEST DULUTH, alternately weakened and discouraged by the removal of members on account of business depression, and cheered by the prospect of new industries would have given up long ago but for the substantial encouragement of Pilgrim Church. Mr. Roy A. Lippitt, of Hartford Seminary, has been with the Church during the summer. Pending developments at the Head of the Lakes, it seems best to hold on to this work, though the returns are unsatisfactory and the immediate outlook far from hopeful.

WINONA SECOND, similarly encouraged and aided by the First Church, is coming through a period of heavy-heartedness and discouragement amounting almost to despair. It has a large field and under its new Pastor, Rev. S. H. Smith, who appreciates the opportunity, and the impetus given religious life by the evangelistic movement of the spring, is taking its work with more hopefulness than for many years.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE CHURCH, ST. PAUL, with its splendid location, new house, resourceful and indefatigable pastor is making itself felt in the community as never before. When the heavy liabilities for the new building are removed, and the Church is free for the opportunities of its growing parish, its gain in numbers and ability will surely be rapid.

FOREST STREET has joined with St. Paul's German under the pastoral care of Rev. Wm. Loos: BELL CHAPEL has used all the time of Rev. W. A. Black: GLADSTONE under the special care of Pacific Church has had services from Rev. E. C. Lyons and Rev. A. D. Smith. In these three newer enterprises, the second of which is also aided by the St. Paul Union, the Sunday Schools are prosperous and doing a needed work, and the growth in time of a church-spirit and a church constituency is looked for.

MINNEHAHA CHURCH in Minneapolis has been aided by the Minneapolis City Union to a much needed enlargement of its building to accommodate its growing Sunday School, has much increased congregations and has arrived where a morning service can be sustained. THIRTY-EIGHTH ST., after a considerable period of vacancy following the removal of the beloved Boardman, secured Rev. A. W. Ross as pastor. Situated in a rapidly growing residence section of the city and provided at length with adequate facilities for work, there appears no outward hindrance to its speedy attainment of self-support. LYNNHURST has been carried through the year without expense to the Society by Rev. H. B. Beard and brought by his judicious leading to the place when it seemed possible for the City Union to go forward with plans for a new building. The work in this most promising new residential portion of the city has been beset with many difficulties and suffered hindrances unexpected and unforseen. But it would seem that the beginning of the realization of the hopes of its friends is near at hand.

IN RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS.—At the other extreme in conditions are the purely rural villages and neighborhoods from which the young people are constantly being drawn to the cities. The appeal of such communities is two-fold. Left without those institutions of religion which they are unable or too indifferent to support for themselves, they become plague-spots full of danger to the life of the State. Their young people who are giving every year to the life of the city can be much more surely and economically reached as children and youth in these surroundings, than after they have come to the cities. NEW BRIGHTON has improved and beautified its property and added largely to its membership under the ministry of Rev. A. D. Smith. KRAGNESS has come to self-support. CAMBRIA hopes to attain it next year. MARINE MILLS, ARCOLA and LAKELAND have had the services of Mr. W. H. Borst, a University student, and greatly appreciate the resumption of regular services. ROSE CREEK, a small but substantial farming community, shows its appreciation of the services of Rev. J. B. Thompson, has moved and improved the building and is following in similar dealing with the parsonage. TAOPI, which is yoked with this, has presented peculiar difficulties but the outlook is favorable for the coming year. In the communities of the MANKATO CIRCUITS, the pastors Rev. C. L. Hill and Rev. J. H. Clark have reached a considerable area otherwise unchurched and have seen an increase of interest and numbers.

OVER-CHURCHED COMMUNITIES.—Twenty-one per cent of our work is done in over-churched communities, by which is meant communities where

the amount at present raised on the field to partially support two or three struggling religious organizations, each one demanding aid from its own denomination, would altogether support one church of the town. It is to be said at once that in the nine such communities scheduled, our church was the first on the ground and that the division of the little community is not our doing. WALKER, suffering from the recent division of the very slight interest it had, and the removal of Rev. Geo. Michael, who for a decade shepherded the whole region, has been fortunate in securing Rev. A. G. Parks. CASS LAKE has had a wonderful year with the completion of its beautiful house of worship, the increase of its membership and the campaign for civic purity in which it had an honorable part. On the removal of Rev. T. W. Barbour to become Field Superintendent for the Northern Pacific Conference Region, Mr. L. F. McDonald, a graduate of the year from Hartford Seminary, was called to the field. GRANADA and CEYLON, after earnest endeavors on the part of each, directed by the Fellowship Committee of the Conference, to unify on reasonable grounds the religious work of the community have arranged that the M. E. Church in GRANADA and our Church in CEYLON should be left respectively unsupplied. Rev. C. L. Hill goes to Granada. NORTH BRANCH is looking for a pastor. GRANITE FALLS has given Rev. Francis Wrigley to Glyndon and after a fruitless attempt to secure at least a federation of the religious forces of the community has decided to go forward under the leadership of a new pastor, Rev. Wade Pinckney from South Dakota; MIZPAH Church, HOPKINS, has had its building moved from its too noisy corner to a well selected lot, and a comely parsonage has been erected by its side. Under the ministry of Rev. Jas. Earl, substantial additions have been made to congregation and membership and the church seems in its highest state of efficiency. WATERVILLE, with enlargement in numbers, has prospered inwardly and largely increased its influence in the community under the ministry of Rev. H. E. Chapman.

NORMAL WORK.—The normal work of the Society is in the new settlement or growing town which has a future to which it steadily advances, with the church contributing its due share in that advance. Forty-eight per cent of our work is of this sort, including the work in the cities. BROWNTON and STEWART have, for the first time in many years, a resident pastor whose ordination on the field was an occasion of special interest. BAGLEY has made needed improvements on the church property, and reduced the amount of aid asked. FERTILE, after a year's search for a pastor, during which it has provided a fine parsonage, has secured Rev. S. S. Heghin from South Dakota, and is united and hopeful. ULEN joins with Felton and Lake Park as a new field. MAHNOMEN, MCINTOSH and MENTOR were cared for during the winter by Rev. E. A. Mirick, who opened the way for MAHNOMEN to secure Rev. Geo. Michael as pastor. A parsonage is provided for and the prospects are very bright. ALDRICH and NEW YORK MILLS continue under the care of Rev. E. E. Lindsley. MARIETTA and NASSAU weakened by re-

movals, but with undiminished courage finding themselves unable to maintain with help a resident pastor, have made a satisfactory arrangement with Mr. E. E. Benedict, a student of Windom Institute, who has been upon the field during the summer. GARVIN and CUSTER parted in June with regret with Rev. R. C. Jenkins, but were fortunate in immediately securing Rev. R. E. Roberts of Edgerton. The parsonage has been improved and an increasing interest is reported. BURTRUM and SWANVILLE have responded to the efforts of Rev. H. T. Krousey, who has come to us from successful service in the Free Methodist Church. He has re-opened the work at Pillsbury and at another preaching station on his field. ELLSWORTH has been yielded to us by arrangement with the Methodists. GAYLORD is looking for a pastor. MILACA is to have for the year the services of a student from the University; SHERBURN holds on in the face of many difficulties and is successfully doing "intensive work;" PAYNESVILLE is without a pastor.

IN THE MINING AND FOREST REGION.—BIWABIK, on the Mesaba Range, entertained the Duluth Conference in June, and in the contrast between the situation today and that of twenty years ago, when some first made its acquaintance, there was an impressive lesson as to the natural progress of Home Missionary work and the value to such a community of the Home Missionary Church. The pastor, Rev. H. R. Harris, has also opened work at McKinley. In the SHEVLIN CIRCUIT Rev. Pascal Parks journeys 980 miles in his quarterly round of his parish, including churches at SHEVLIN, NYMORE, BEARD, FONTENAC, with as many more unorganized fields where his is the only voice bearing witness for our Lord. At GRAND MARAIS, where Rev. W. J. Horner has a whole county for a field, the home church is looking to a building and the pastor is stretching out to compass his great parish by Sunday Schools and occasional preaching in a circuit of twenty miles. AKELEY, which has been solidly built up by the eight years' ministry of Rev. L. D. Arnold, on account of his resignation, will soon be seeking a man who knows how to build wisely on good foundations.

GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK.—In the Central Northern region Rev. J. W. Conard, as joint missionary for the Sunday School Society and ourselves, has been able to put the work at BACKUS, HACKENSACK and several places adjoining into the hands of Mr. Geo. W. Sheets, a licentiate of Duluth Conference, as resident pastor and in each of these places there have been considerable ingatherings, while at BACKUS a comfortable house of worship has been provided. Mr. Conard has been in charge of the "Good Will" tent which proves exceedingly helpful in the work of the summer Services held in it at JENKINS have awakened much interest, and a building and an organization are in sight. The work at BERTHA which seemed at the point of extinction has been revived by him and put in readiness for a pastor once more.

In the RAINY RIVER region, Rev. T. W. Howard has added a promising church at GRACETON to BAUDETTE and BIRCHDALE and has joined with them an increasing ministry, largely on foot, to the scattered homesteaders through-

out the valley. Probably no two men in the state, of any denomination, reach personally with the message of life, so many who else would never hear it, as Bros. Conard and Howard. During most of the year Rev. W. M. Read has been doing pioneer work in a region twenty-five miles square, lying between AITKIN and HILL CITY in which towns are being organized and schoolhouses built. There are pathetic expressions of gratitude that have come to the office from settlers used to religious privileges but long cut off from them till this work was undertaken.

At the meeting of the Duluth Conference there was found to be a burden upon the pastor and some members of the church for the FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE MINES, especially Finns and Swedes, some thousands of whom are upon the Range and were thought to be accessible. At the same time connection was made, providentially as it seemed, with a recent graduate of Chicago Seminary, allied by birth to either race and available for work among them. After a two months' study and survey of the field, a report was made of its needs and possibilities that seems to make a clear call to service, if the funds can be found to support it. Fifty dollars per month will be needed. A large-hearted member of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, has pledged one-half of this amount, if the other half is provided.

In July, at the call of the Directors, Rev. Thos. W. Barbour, Ph. D., left the work he had conducted so courageously and effectively at Cass Lake to take the position of *Field Superintendent* in the Northern Pacific Conference and adjoining regions. The few months that have passed have sufficed to show the value to our work in the Northern part of the State of a constantly accessible man with vision to see the thing needful to be done, and the courage to give himself to the doing of it at whatever necessary expenditure of time and thought.

The very complete and stimulating exhibit of the resources of the northern half of the state and the problem given us in the northern portion of that region, presented last evening by the Moderator, enable me to condense somewhat this review and to relieve you of the necessity of hearing several pages of a similar sort that would naturally appear therein.

It is sufficient to say that the problem has had and is having the careful consideration of the nine representative men whom you have chosen as Directors of your Missionary Society and will be made matter of presentation to and conference with the Executive Committee of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, with whom, of necessity must be the final word in regard to any plan of co-operation that may be adopted during the next year.

SUMMARIES.—The distribution of aid has been as follows: In CENTRAL Conference with twenty-four churches, four have been aided; in DULUTH Conference with eleven churches, seven; in MANKATO Conference with twenty-nine churches, four; in MINNESOTA VALLEY Conference with eighteen rches, three; in MINNEAPOLIS Conference with forty-two churches, eight; RTHERN PACIFIC Conference with thirty-five churches, fifteen; SOUTHRN Conference with twenty-seven churches, ten; in WESTERN Confer-

ence with fifteen churches, two; in a total of 225 churches, 56 aided or 26 per cent of the whole; unassociated churches and fields bring the percentage to about 37 per cent.

The reported membership of the associated aided churches is 1,648: only one of them has a hundred members, nine have ten members or less and 82 per cent have less than fifty. These churches provide Sunday School instruction for 3,337 scholars, have received in the year 271 members and by the aid received have been enabled to raise for their own ordinary religious work $24,280.00, and beside this an almost equal amount in special efforts for church and parsonage erection and repair.

OF MEN IN THE FIELD, fifteen have begun their work during the year. Eleven of these are new to our state and fellowship and came to us as follows: from SEMINARY, one; UNIVERSITY, two; WINDOM INSTITUTE, one; So. DAKOTA, three; IOWA, one; PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, one; FREE METHODIST CHURCH, one; METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, one.

The urban, rural, and new settlement fields are linked each with the other and no one can be neglected, without loss to all. The studies of the Interdenominational Commission, though only partly completed, have been a revelation as to the religious destitution of the older rural districts of the State.

THE GROWING FUTURE.—The growth of the cities and the settlement of the newer portions of the State have come to be estimated at a rate that is reasonable. "Booms" no longer carry us off our feet as a few years ago. But a large and healthy growth in each of the three lines is anticipated.

WE ARE ABLE.—There can be no reasonable doubt of the full ability of our churches to meet their share of the demands of the development. A score of churches, that ten years ago were struggling, have come to the time of generous ability to help. Men and women of means have confidence in the work of the Society and are showing it in their giving. A number of aided churches have self-support just before them. Thus the Missionary Year, while lacking in spectacular development on the side either of giving or expending, has witnessed a fairly steady growth from within outward, an increase of ground occupied, justified by our ability to care for it, and a compacting of forces in increasing adequacy to the opportunity.

FELLOWSHIP.—Most significant is the new sense about what we have been accustomed to call Home Missionary aid as not a matter of charity but of fellowship; that money is only one of the expressions of fellowship; that those who need and receive it are not to be separated in thought or treatment, from those who need and use other forms of its expression. This new sense is putting us all in new relations to each other. Its meaning in State administration is that aided churches and ministers shall not be regarded as beneficiaries or objects of charity, but as of ourselves, with whose needs and struggles and sacrifices such sympathy is felt and expressed as in a Christian family, whose members are in differing stages of success and endeavor in life.

The larger meaning is the heading up of all our Congregational Service, all round the world, not into an administration of Boards, Societies, and Committees, but into a service of mutual help of which it shall be said "Neither was there among them any that lacked." Boards and Societies, however honored and venerable, will take their proper place as simply channels, through which the churches whose fellowship makes them one household of faith, cause its expression to flow.

Just now the test of this new sense of Fellowship is the Apportionment Plan, on which I look as the hope of our future financial security.

THE APPORTIONMENT PLAN.—Only a beginning has been made in a portion of the conferences in its working. Where he has been allowed, the Superintendent has preferred to make the presentation of our work in the state as a part of our whole denominational privilege for Christ in the whole world. The map of the world, the review of our world-wide obligation and the Apportionment Plan and the assigned part of the particular church in it have in no case failed to awaken interest and bring the money. When all our churches accept the plan and work to it, even on the present basis, Minnesota will have all the money it needs for its own work.

THE PLACE OF RESPONSIBILITY.—The great responsibility for this rests upon the Conference Fellowship Committee or the Special Committee. If they will take pains not only in dividing among the churches, the amounts apportioned to the Conference, but will follow such notification with personal endeavor the result will be reached.

In the growth of its cities, in the development of its still sparsely settled major portion, in the resources and attractions that are to multiply its population seven-fold, and in the sure progress of its well set and established churches, Minnesota Congregationalism has a future surpassed by none.

For the opportunity that is before them, there can be no room for doubt or question, that our churches, according to their full measure will splendidly manifest their devotion.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby.....	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault.....	Rev. D. Andrews.....	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona.....	Rev. C. Secombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul.....	Rev. D. Burt.....	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka.....	Rev. O. Thomas.....	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 13.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester.....	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis ..	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault.....	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin.....	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna.....	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield.....	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony...	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona.....	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D..	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D....	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault.....	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis ..	Hon. A. H. Young.	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield.....	Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester. ...	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud.....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery.	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona.....	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis ..	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls..	Prof. Geo. Huntington....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield.....	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason.	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis ..	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul.....	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D...	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin.....	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria ..	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault ...	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo..	Dean Horace Goodhue....	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna.....	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester.....	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith..	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D....	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis...	Hon. D. P. Jones.....	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls..	Rev. Alexander Milne....	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul..	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D....	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller.....	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.: 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona.....	Rev. F. H. Oehler.....	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.: 14.
51	06	Minneapolis...	Dean W. S. Pattee	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LLD., Luke 12: 15.
52	07	New Ulm.....	Rev. Willis A. Warren ..	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault.....	Walter N. Carroll	Rev. Alexander Milne. Hebs. 12; 27.
54	09	Minneapolis...	Rev. R. P. Herrick, D. D.	Rev. Harry P. Dewey, D. D. John 1: 14-16.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1870.
Rev. R. Hall.....1871—1875.
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1882—1889.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901—

ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

1. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 14, 1910.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. W. Oehler, Sauk Center Rev. W. A. Snow, Glenwood and George L. Treat.

CHURCHES	No MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	211	Dea. Geo. L. Treat	Alfred A. Secord.
Big Lake	89	Albert J. Johnson	Alonzo G. Washington.
Burtrum	14	Mrs. J. M. Ward	H. T. Krausey.
Cable	35	Mrs. M. Scherfenberg	Rufus P. Upton.
Clarissa	12	Mrs. L. D. Thayer	Supplied.
Clearwater	68	Mrs. M. A. Murray	Paul Winter.
Culdrum, (Swedish)	30	J. A. Rylander	
Glenwood	126	Fred Calmyer	
Hasty, Clearwater	20	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon	Paul Winter.
Little Falls	207	Mrs. O. C. Trace	Walter H. North.
Little Falls, (Swedish)	14	Gustaf Roeene	
Monticello	108	Mrs. O. M. Swenson	Henry Holmes.
Orrock	4	Miss Grace Craig	
Paynesville	64	Frank Brown	
Pillsbury			H. T. Krausey.
Round Prairie	61	Howard F. Kopp	James F. Locke.
St. Cloud	86	Louis Olson	Ernest V. Bjorkland.
Sauk Center	182	James A. Norris	Frederick H. Oehler
Sauk Rapids	63	James Brown	Rufus P. Upton.
Swanville	10	Mrs. Belle Flood	H. T. Krausey.
Upsala	108	Gust Nelson	M. N. Wickholm.
Villard	73	Daniel W. Shear	(Geo. H. Mack, Pres.)
Wondel Brook	26		Nels. J. Bolin.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION: Clinton A. Billig, Nels J. Bolin, David Donovan, William Fletcher, H. T. Krausey, J. Frank Locke, George F. Morton, Walter H. North, William H. Owen, Frederick H. Oehler, John Rood, Charles M. Stevens, Walter A. Snow, Alfred A. Secord, Alonzo G. Washington.

II. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING:

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. H. R. Harris, Christian Bruyn.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitken	66	A. L. Hamilton.	
Backus	26	Mrs. A. L. Miller	(George M. Sheets, Lic.) *
Biwabik	25	Dr. Chas. W. Bray	Harry R. Harris.
Brainerd, First	123	Christian Bruyn.	John A. Caskey.
Brainerd, Peoples	48	Mr. E. H. Green.	(J. H. Barkey, Lic.)
Duluth, Pilgrim	430	Edmund G. Chapman	Alexander Milne.
Duluth, West, Plymouth	64	Roger M. Weaver	
Grand Marais	16	James G. Scott.	(W. J. Horner, Lic.)
Hackensack	13	Wm. E. Bodenhofer	(George M. Sheets, Lic.) *
Hill City	13	Mrs. W. B. Thurlby.	
Walker	18		Avery G. Parks.

* Died November 22nd.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE: James L. Jones, Jeremiah Kimball, Alexander Milne, George Michael, E. A. Mirick, Henry M. Pinkerton, Henry H. Stutson, H. R. Harris.

III. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Ellsworth, May 17th and 18th, 1910.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER: Rev. Chas. L. Hill, Granada.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Mankato; Geo. A. Sutherland, Fairmont; Thomas Hughes, Mankato; B. A. Warren, Ex-officio, Chas. L. Hill, Ex-officio.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade.	88	Mrs. Frank Jefferson	Joseph F. Bacon.
Center Chain	18	Miss Myra L. Shipman.	Grant B. Wilder.
Ceylon	31	Mrs. Henry Christensen	
Edgerton	86	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	(James H. Mahaffey, Lic.)
Ellsworth	20	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	C. J. Gall.
Elmore	170	Clarence O'Hara	
Fairmont	175	Mrs. A. Hyatt Smith	Grant B. Wilder.
Freeborn	73	Mrs. Abby Olson.	James L. James.
Freedom, Cream	20	George Gary	(J. H. Clark, Lic.)
Granada	44	W. H. Gaugh.	Charles L. Hill.
Kasota	39	Andrew Dahlgren	Alfred H. Dahlstrom.
Mankato, First	182	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	Edgnr L. Heermance.
Mankato, Second	69	Richard Sandell	Joseph W. Johnson.
Mapleton	112	Louis W Kruger.	Francis H. Chapman.
New Richland	83	Mrs. C. A. Wagner	James L. Jones.
Salem, New Ulm, R. F. D.-5	65	Evan L. Harris	Richard J. Thomas.
Sherburn	71	William F. Brundage	Brooks A. Warren.
Waseca	101	Caspar B. Wood.	Edwin Ewell.
Worthington.	141	Dr. George O. Moore.	Langdon L. Sowles.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: C. J. Gall, Wilbur Fisk, Edgar L. Heermance, Charles L. Hill, R. Johnson Thomas, Brooks A. Warren.

IV. MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING, Como Avenue, Minneapolis, May 3, 1910.

REGISTRAR: Robert L. Pollock, 509 Sykes Block, Minneapolis.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: H. P. Roberts, Rev. H. K. Painter, E. S. Slater, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, R. L. Pollock.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	157	Edward L. Curial	Matt Evans.
Brownton	54	Mrs. John S. West	T. A. Hawkes.
Elk River	178	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	
Excelsior	158	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Carl J. Swain.
Fair Oaks, Anoka R. F. D.-4	12	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	
Gaylord	41	Miss Lydia A. Strebel.	Francis M. Scully.
Glencoe	158	L. W. Gilbert	F. L. V. Meske.
Groveland	9	Mrs. Ida C. Waters (a)	Francis M. Scully.
Hutchinson	161	Henry D. Boorman	Albert R. Brown.
Milaca	26	Mrs. Geo. F. Short	(W. A. Borst, Lic.)
Minneapolis—First	650	H. E. Blackburn	Clement G. Clarke.
" Plymouth	967	Seavey M. Bailey	Harry P. Dewey.
" Park Ave.	612	G. W. Teitsworth	S. Banks Nelson.
" Pilgrim	603	E. C. Scarborough	J. P. Miller.
" Vine	132	Edwin Lobdel	Kimball K. Clark.
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" Open Door	137	William A. Martin	William A. Gerrie.
" Lyndale	608	Benjamin F. Coffin	Howard Murray Jones.
" Fremont Ave	278	Joseph A. Bacheller	Charles A. Hilton.
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" Mizpah, Hopkins	52	Mrs. Belle F. Gone	
" Bethany	123	William M. Tuthill	
" Robbinsdale	91	Henry A. Morse	James E. Ball.
" Lowry Hill	380	Adelbert H. Taylor	William L. Tenney.
" Oak Park	146	William J. Steinmetz	
" Forest Heights	173	Miss C. Monica Ralph	Stanley M. Humby.
" Temple, Swedish	371	Alex. Lofgren	Alfred P. Engstrom.
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" Linden Hills	287	J. Frank Campbell.	William H. Medlar.
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ANNUAL MEETING: Wadena, June 21, 1910.

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" St. Paul	64		William Loos.
" Cyril	36	Miss Mary Strnad	Charles J. Trcka.
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Lyle	73	William Nordland.	Walter G. Carlson.
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St. Charles	101	Albert F. Kuebler	
Stewartville	168		
Taopi	9	Dea. W. F. Davis	James B. Thompson.
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" Second	52	Miss Mabel A. Thresher	S. N. Smith.
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Zumbrota	99	Mrs. Emma Freeman	J. H. Barnett.

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ANNUAL MEETING: June 14, 1910, at Lake Benton.

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Marshall	194	Wm. P. Kraeckman	Perry A. Sharpe.
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Sleepy Eye	174	Miss Mary Palmer	
Springfield	78	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe	
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Twin Valley		James Sworder	

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ORDINATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS.

Rev. Francis M. Scully, ordained June 9, 1909.

Rev. Thomas A. Hawkes, ordained June 25, 1909.

Rev. John E. Merrill, ordained Oct. 10, 1909.

Rev. Andrew W. Ross, recognized May 7, 1909.

Rev. Howard Murray Jones, recognized July 16, 1909.

NECROLOGY

REV. GEORGE B. BARNES, D.D.

Of pneumonia in Minneapolis, Minn., May 4, 1909, Rev. George B. Barnes, D. D., pastor of the Vine Congregational Church, aged seventy-two years. Dr. Barnes was the son of a Methodist minister and grew up from his early life to know the worth of the Christian ministry. After getting his education at Potsdam Academy and Oberlin College he entered the army, and after the close of the war devoted himself to teaching, but after a little time turned his attention to the Christian ministry, first in Presbyterian, and later in the Congregational church. He was in the active ministry more than forty years, beginning in Michigan and continuing in Ottawa, Ill., and later in Wahpeton, Valley City, and Fargo, N. D. Early in the work he gave full proof of his ministry and soon became a strong preacher of the word. In this capacity he did a great work. Dr. Barnes was the first president of Fargo College, at Fargo, N. D., and did excellent work for the institution. It can safely be said that the college could hardly have been founded without him. His splendid service, in connection with that of Dr. Simmons, in laying its foundation and making its future work possible, is one of the great things in the kingdom of God which it is given mortals to do. Future generations will rise up and honor their memory.

The just tribute, which we quote from "The Advance." is from the pen of Rev. E. H. Stickney of North Dakota, where the greater part of the work of this brother was done. He was a modest but strong preacher and a brother greatly loved in this state by all who knew him.

REV. EDWARD N. RUDDOCK.

Again our oldest minister has been called home. Rev. Edward N. Ruddock died in Caldwell, Idaho, March 30, 1909. He was born in Buckland, Mass., June 18, 1830. His childhood was spent in state of New York and his education obtained at a college in McGrawville, N. Y., and at Oberlin, Ohio. He was ordained in 1858 at Pharsalia, N. Y., where he preached for several years. He did some work at Dartford, Wis., but since 1883 has been with the Home Missionary churches in the central part of Minnesota. His record at Appleton, Hancock, Burtrum, Villard, and out stations has been that of a man of God, a servant faithful, earnest and beloved. Many of the weak churches owe much to his faithful services. His home for his last years has been at Glenwood, Minn., where he was useful in the church of which he was a member.

He is survived by his brother Charles, who resides at Lyle, and by his three sons.

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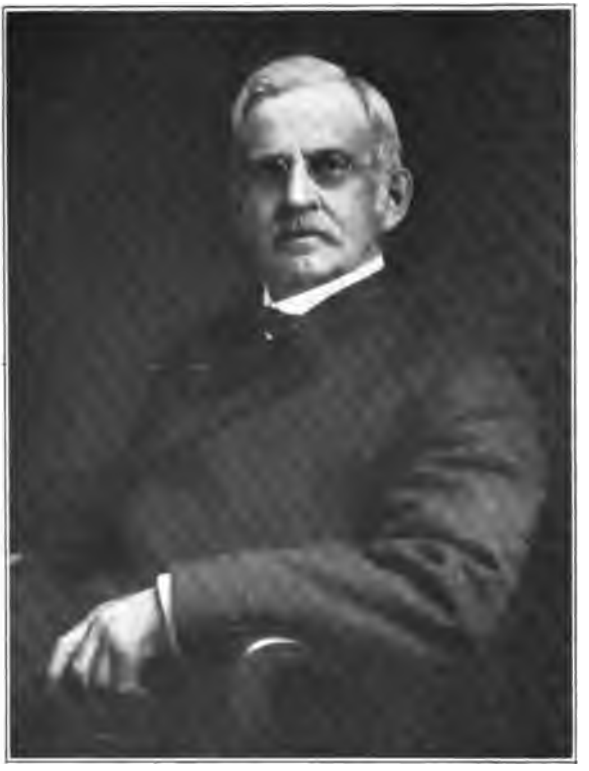

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MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting

OF THE

General Congregational Association of Minnesota

HELD AT

The First Congregational Church

Crookston, Oct. 3-5

1910

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SPECIAL NOTICES!

READ! REMEMBER!

SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR BOOK.

These will be sent to the churches not later than the last week in December, and should be returned, with every question answered, by the clerk or pastor, early in January, 1911.

The Association of October 1909, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the reports from the churches of this state for the Year Book, in order to secure publication, must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 20th of February each year, and that notice of this action be sent to every church each year with the schedules.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION
FOR SESSION OF 1910.

MODERATOR.

PRESIDENT CHARLES W. COOPER.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.

REV. WALTER H. NORTH.

SCRIBE.

REV. PERRY A. SHARPE.

ASSISTANT SCRIBE.

REV. FRANK ATKINSON.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

REV. MAURICE B. MORRIS.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

REV. C. C. WARNER,
REV. ALEXANDER MILNE,
REV. EVERETT LESHER,
REV. E. B. DEAN

OFFICERS FOR 1911.

Moderator, Rev. John H. Albert, Faribault
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Minneapolis.
Scribe, Rev. Frank Atkinson, Elk River.
Preacher, President Donald J. Cowling, Northfield.

OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

FOR 1910-1911.

BUSINESS—Rev. E. Lesher, Rev. J. H. Barnett, Rev. J. P. Miller, and Rev. A. A. Secord.

FINANCE AND PRINTING—Robert L. Pollock, W. B. Northrup and W. B. Gerry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. W. H. Medlar, Prof. Fred. B. Hill and Rev. H. K. Painter.

APPORTIONMENT PLAN—S. T. Johnson, chairman, A. J. Nason, C. D. Decker, Mrs. S. J. Richardson, J. A. Sawyer, Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Rev. A. A. Secord, Rev. W. M. Swan, W. S. Woodbridge, A. A. Miller, together with the Treasurer of the Minnesota Branch of W. B. M. I. and the Treasurer of the Minnesota Branch of W. H. M. U.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION—Rev. G. R. Merrill and Rev. C. H. Curtis.

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PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER—Warren Upham, Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., and Thomas Hughes.

VOTING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Rev. S. G. Smith, L. E. Jepson, Geo. E. Perley, Rev. G. R. Merrill, Harington Beard and Rev. E. L. Heermance.

COMMITTEE ON SECURING ATTENDANCE AT STATE ASSOCIATION—Rev. C. G. Clarke, Rev. R. P. Herrick and Rev. H. P. Dewey.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA—A. A. Miller, G. E. Perley, Rev. A. A. Secord, Rev. W. H. North and Rev. Alex Milne.

STATE ADVISORY BOARD—Rev. H. M. Jones for four years, Rev. F. E. Knoph for three years, J. T. Elwell for two years, and Rev. C. C. Campbell for one year.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota met in the First Congregational Church, Crookston, October 3, 1910.

President C. H. Cooper, Moderator, presided and introduced the Rev. Mr. Asadoorian, pastor of the Congregational Church at Arygle who read the twenty-fourth psalm and offered prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

CREDENTIALS—J. M. McBride, Rev. Robert P. Herrick and Rev. Walter H. North.

NOMINATIONS—Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, J. W. Knox and Rev. Stanley M. Humby.

Added to Business Committee: Rev. Clement G. Clarke and Calvin D. Decker.

President C. H. Cooper gave Moderator's Annual Address on "The Religious Training of the Young."

Rev. Clement G. Clarke, pastor of the First Church, Minneapolis, preached the Annual Sermon, taking for a text, Luke 6:12 on the topic "The Consciousness of Jesus."

The Communion was conducted by Rev. Edgar L. Heermance and Rev. Perry A. Sharpe assisted by Deacons Perley, Knox, Vannett and Miller.

The offering for Ministerial Relief at the Communion amounted to $18.57.

Recess was taken to Tuesday at 9 a. m.

TUESDAY MORNING.

After Devotional exercises conducted by Principal Ralph E. Nichol of Windom Institute, Montevideo, the Nominating Committee presented the name of Rev. Frank Atkinson for Assistant Scribe and that of John N. Norris as Auditor, and they were appointed.

The Amendment to Rule Second (notice of which was given one year ago) was called up, and on motion was adopted, striking out the words "the roll shall be read."

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee the name of Rev. Harry P. Dewey was substituted for that of Rev. J. P. Miller on Resolutions Committee.

The recommendation of the Business Committee to change the name of the body to General Congregational Conference in compliance with the suggestion of the National Council, was laid upon the table.

Voted that all reports be received without further action and recommendations contained in them be referred to the Business Committee.

Rev. E. L. Heermance presented a resolution concerning the increase of pastors' salaries. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The printed program was adopted subject to such changes as the Business Committee may suggest from time to time.

The following committees reported: Finance and Printing, Advisory Board, Visitors to Carleton College, Visitors to Windom Institute, Preservation of Historical Matter, Religious work at University, Interdenominational Commission, Anti-Saloon League.

Principal R. E. Nichol spoke in reference to Windom Institute at Montevideo. District Supt. Carl Walden spoke for the Anti-Saloon League and Apportionment.

The matter of law enforcement in Northern Minnesota was discussed and on motion referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Rev. M. B. Morris reported as Secretary and Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Society.

Recess taken.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 p. m. the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society was held. (See page 88)

At 3 p. m. the Association resumed its Session.

A motion was adopted instructing the Committee on Nominations to name a committee to take up the matter of devising means whereby delegates to the State Association may be secured from all of the churches, and report at the next meeting of the Association, the equating of traveling expenses being suggested.

Committee on Nominations made further report.

Report of Committee on Missionary Work in Northern Minnesota read by G. E. Perley.

Committee on Resolutions to which had been referred the matter of drawing up a resolution pertaining to the enforcement of law in Northern Minnesota presented the following:

WHEREAS, in Northern Minnesota the sale of liquor has been persistently carried on contrary to law, and as a result the lives of both Indians and white men have been debauched, and in many places a state of social anarchy has been induced and

WHEREAS, the liquor dealers and many local officials have combined to misrepresent and frustrate the work of Commissioner Johnson and his associates, who have earnestly striven to execute the laws;

We, the representatives of the churches assembled in the 55th Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, deploring the existing conditions, heartily commend the recent attempts of the Government to maintain law and order, and declare our conviction that the special methods proposed by the Government, including the revocation of

the liquor licenses in the disturbed districts, should be speedily put into effect.

We hereby pledge Mr. Johnson and all other Government officials in the performance of their duty our unqualified moral support, believing that we voice the sentiment of the Christian citizenship of the state.

The Resolutions were adopted and ordered sent in letter-telegram to Indian Department, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., and by mail to Secretary Ballinger, Indian Agent Johnson and the Governor of Minnesota.

The Brotherhood hour was conducted by the President of the State Congregational Brotherhood, Calvin D. Decker, after the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. J. H. Barnett, of Zumbrota, gave an address on "Brotherhood Work; Reaching the Unchurched Men. For What?" Rev. R. H. Battey, Rev. J. H. Albert, H. J. Yeager and others made short addresses.

The following were elected officers of the State Brotherhood for the ensuing year: President, Prof. Fred B. Hill, Carleton College; Vice President, C. J. Hunt, St. Paul; Vice President, Eliason, Detroit; Secretary, Harry Williams, Minneapolis.

Directors—A. M. Welles, Sauk Center; W. T. Prince, Duluth; Rodney W. Chadbourn, Minneapolis; Lloyd G. Moyer, Montevideo; Hon. Geo. E. Perley, Moorhead; E. P. Hawes, St. Paul; Dr. A. M. Lewis, Austin; A. H. Lienhard, New Ulm.

Moved and carried that President Cyrus Northrop be made delegate to the National Brotherhood Convention meeting in Boston, Oct. 11.

Retiring President Calvin B. Decker was elected fraternal delegate to the similar organizations of other denominations of the State.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Session began at 8 o'clock.

The song service was led by the Viking Chorus, to whom a vote of thanks for their service was extended.

Devotional services led by Rev. L. F. McDonald, Cass Lake.

Committee on Resolutions presented the following resolution:

In consideration of the approaching 300th anniversary of American Congregationalism in 1920, the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, in its 55th annual meeting respectfully suggests to the National Council the appropriateness of appointing a commission which shall formulate plans for an adequate celebration of the important event and report the same at the next session of the Council.

Among the practicable achievements which would worthily signalize the anniversary, the Association urges the raising of a Sustentation Fund sufficient to guarantee to every minister of the denomination in active service a salary of not less than $1,000.

Voted same be laid on table until 9 a. m. Wednesday.

Resolutions Committee offered the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, one of the vital problems before the people of Minnesota relates to the manufacture, sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor; and

WHEREAS, the question of county option is at the present time an issue vitally bearing upon the solution of that problem,

We, the representatives of the churches assembled in the 55th Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, declare our approval of the Anti-Saloon League in its advocacy of county option and in its general championship of order and justice.

Field Supt. Rev. Thos. W. Barbour gave an illustrated address, "Home Missions in Northern Minnesota."

Rev. W. G. Puddefoot of Indianapolis, Indiana, gave an address on "The Work of Home Missions."

Session adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Rev. H. K. Painter.

Rev. M. B. Morris (appointed Secretary and Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death of Rev. Samuel J. Rogers) reported.

The Business Committee made the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. We recommend the adoption of report and recommendation from the Apportionment Committee on condition of its contemplated changes being approved by the A. B. C. F. M. and concurred in by the W. B. M. I.

2. Regarding the report of Committee on Missionary Work in Northern Minnesota, we recommend that this report be presented for debate at this time, and provided no other action is taken, we recommend the appointment of the Committee asked.

3. We recommend that the Committee on Nominations fill two vacancies on the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

We recommend the unpaid salary of Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, our late Secretary, be paid in full to the end of the year to his daughter, said amount not to be deducted from the salary of the acting Secretary as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Resolution concerning celebration of three-hundredth anniversary of Congregationalism postponed until 9 a. m. called up and on motion amended by striking out all of second paragraph.

Moved to reconsider action taken yesterday in regard to the appointment of Committee to devise means of securing delegates from all of the churches to the State Association.

The following was then adopted: In consideration of the fact that by means of immediate action there could be secured for next year the benefits contemplated by the motion introduced yesterday looking toward a more

equitable adjustment of the matter of expense in relation to attendance upon the State Associations; the following motion is presented by the mover of yesterday's resolution as a substitute for it: that a committee of five be appointed to canvass the whole subject of traveling expense in relation to the State Associations, with reference to securing the fairest possible distribution of the total of such expense, relieving the pastors and delegates of churches remote from the place where the Association is held of an unfair portion of the burden, thus making possible their attendance and securing a larger success and power to the Annual Meetings.

Further, that this Committee be authorized and is hereby instructed to devise such a plan and if possible to put it into operation next year, submitting it at that time to the Association for consideration and adoption.

Committee on Place of next meeting and preacher reported as follows:

PLACE—Alexandria.

PREACHER—President Donald J. Cowling.

ALTERNATE—Rev. Frank E. Knoph.

And the report was adopted.

It was ordered on motion, that the Secretary and Treasurer of State Association be nominated by informal ballot.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. M. B. Morris.

Dr. R. P. Herrick took charge of the Sunday School hour.

Mrs. A. J. Woodrow of Minneapolis read a paper on "The Standardization of the Sunday School." See page 32.

Rev. H. K. Painter read the report of the Sunday School Committee. See page 22.

Dr. R. P. Herrick, presented his Annual Report as Superintendent for the Sunday School and Publishing Society. See page 29.

Moved that the three papers on Sunday School work be referred to the Committee on Printing for a place in the minutes of the Association.

President Frank L. McVey, University of North Dakota, spoke on "New Moral Codes."

President C. C. Creegan, Fargo College, addressed the Association on "Congregationalism and Higher Education."

Recess taken.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prof. Vernon Squires, University of North Dakota, conducted a symposium on "The Best Books on Your Study Table."

Secretary J. F. Horton of Chicago spoke for the American Bible Society.

Rev. A. A. Secord presented a paper on "The Thermometer of the Church."

Miss Margaret J. Evans, President of the Minnesota Branch, W. M. B. I., spoke of the relation of that organization to the churches.

The Election of Officers for ensuing year resulted as follows:

Moderator, Rev. John H. Albert, Faribault; Assistant Moderator, Rev.

Clement G. Clarke, Minneapolis; Scribe, Rev. Frank Atkinson, Elk River; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Maurice B. Morris, St. Paul.

The Committee on Nominations made the following reports:

PLACE AND PREACHER—Rev. H. K. Painter, Rev. A. E. Cutler and Rev. H. H. Symons.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. H. P. Dewey, Rev. J. W. Conard and R. E. Nichol.

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TEMPORARY ASSISTANT MODERATOR—Rev. Walter H. North.

Voted to affirm action of the last State Association in the election of delegates to the National Council.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Rev. W. H. North, Assistant Moderator, presided.

Song service led by chorus.

Rev. J. H. Albert conducted devotional exercises.

Resolutions Committee presented the following which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we thank the pastor and the people of the First Congregational Church of Crookston for their untiring efforts to provide for our entertainment and pleasure during our stay among them.

Moved that the Scribe be authorized to complete the minutes and that the Association stand adjourned at close of evening program.

President C. C. Creegan of Fargo College gave the address of the evening on "A Century of the American Board."

C. H. COOPER,
Moderator.

PERRY A. SHARPE,
Scribe.

MAURICE B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Alexandria—Rev. A. A. Secord, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knox, A. Prindon, Mrs. L. W. Boyd.
Little Falls—Rev. W. H. North.
Lake Itasca—Rev. G. G. Norton.

DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Backus—Rev. John H. Clark.
Duluth, Pilgrim—Mrs. W. W. Sanford.
Mahnomen—Rev. George Michael, Mrs. George Michael.

MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Mankato—Rev. E. L. Heermance, President C. H. Cooper.

MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

Minneapolis—Rev. Harry P. Dewey, Rev. Stanley M. Humby, Rev. H. K. Painter, Rev. Clement G. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McBride, Mrs. Anna G. Newstrom, C. D. Decker, Mrs. A. J. Woodrow.
Elk River—Rev. Frank Atkinson.

MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

Appleton—Rev. L. D. Arnold.
Montevideo—Prof. R. E. Nichol, Mrs. H. E. Hoard.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Crookston—Rev. C. C. Warner, A. A. Miller, Mrs. A. A. Miller.
Fertile—Gustave Demas, Mrs. G. J. Demas.
Fergus Falls—Rev. H. S. Wiley.
Cass Lake—Rev. L. F. McDonald, Mrs. Thos. W. Barbour.

Moorhead—Mrs. Fred Stalley, Geo. E. Perley, R. W. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hunton.

Detroit—Rev. R. H. Battey.

Bagley—Rev. E. F. Olander.

Nymore—Rev. Pascal Parke.

Argyle—Rev. A. M. Asadoorian, Mr. Buckingham.

Ada—Rev. H. H. Symons, Mrs. C. C. Allen, Mrs. A. L. Hanson, C. R. Andrews, F. L. Hampson.

Hawley—Mrs. A. Brown.

ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION.

Faribault—Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. M. B. Morris.

Northfield—Miss Margaret J. Evans.

SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Spring Valley—Rev. A. E. Cutler.

Owatonna—Rev. A. E. Gregory, Mrs. A. E. Gregory, H. J. Yager, J. A. Sawyer.

Zumbrota—Rev. J. H. Barnett.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Marshall—Rev. P. A. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bumford.

Sleepy Eye—Rev. J. H. Hjetland.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Rev. Thos. M. Barbour, Rev. W. J. Conard, Rev. F. W. Howard, Rev. R. P. Herrick, Rev. George R. Merrill.

MINISTERIAL VISITORS.

Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, *Indianapolis;* Rev. H. A. Kernen, *Connecticut;* President C. C. Creegan, *Fargo College;* Rev. J. F. Horton, *Chicago.*

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Of Minnesota General Congregational Association, from October 7, 1909, to October 1, 1910.

RECEIPTS

Balance in hand, report October 1909	$176.25
St. Paul Association, on dues of 1909	30.00
South Eastern Conference, on dues of 1909	75.00
Printing Sunday School Committee Statistical Report, Hon. A. A. Miller	20.00
Rev. Fred B. Hill	20.00
South Eastern Conference, on dues of 1909	35.00
South Eastern Conference, in full for 1909	33.00
Northern Pacific, in full for 1909	39.00
Central Association, in full for 1909	13.00
Central Association, on dues of 1910	42.00
Minneapolis Conference, on dues of 1910	15.75
South Eastern Conference, on dues of 1910	50.00
Western Conference, on dues of 1909	43.12
Western Conference, on dues of 1910	24.79
St. Paul Association, in full for 1910	202.00
Northern Pacific, in full for 1910	25.00
Total	$1,043.91

DISBURSEMENTS, 1909-10.

National Council, dues in full	$446.20
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Printing Minutes and Cost of Envelopes	216.00
Postage on same	26.00
Postal Cards and Printing	7.00
Delegates' Slips, Printing and Postage	4.75
Post Stamps and Expressage	4.45

Advisory Board Expenses	27.32
Executive Commission, Traveling Expenses	15.00
Expense of Delegate to Chicago Seminary	20.00
Printing 250 Notices for Schedules	2.50
Envelopes and Postage, for mailing same	4.00
Interdenominational Commission	5.00
Total	$928.22
Cash in hand	115.69
Total	$1,043.91

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct
J. M. McBRIDE, Auditor pro tem.
October 4, 1910.

Duluth Conference dues received in full, October 4, after above report had been audited, hence does not appear.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

All bills reported to the Treasurer have been approved by the Committee and will be found in Treasurer's report as audited. There is a balance in Treasury of $115.69, and enough due from the Conferences to pay all expenses until April, 1911.

The estimate of expenses for year 1911 is as follows:

National Council	$450.00
Printing and distributing minutes	200.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of Advisory Board	100.00
Other Committees	161.00
Expenses of Secretary	50.00
Total	$1,112.00

For meeting this estimate your Committee recommend an assessment of five cents per member apportioned among the Conference as follows:

Central Association	$80.00
Duluth Conference	42.00
Mankato Conference	71.00
Minneapolis Conference	405.00
Minnesota Valley Conference	52.00

Northern Pacific Conference	67.00
St. Paul Association	217.00
South Eastern Conference	138.00
Western Conference	40.00
Total	$1,112.00

HIRAM A. SCRIVER,
ROBERT L. POLLOCK.
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCES.

(APPORTIONMENT PLAN.)

To the Moderator and Delegates of the 55th Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

Your Committee on Apportionment Plan to whom was assigned the duty of appropriating the $50,000 asked for by our seven societies, exclusive of the money raised by the W. B. M. I., beg leave to report:

At a meeting held November 26, 1909, the Committee made the following apportionment among the Conferences of the state:

Central Conference	4%	$2,000.00
Duluth Conference	4%	2,000.00
Mankato Conference	5%	2,500.00
Minnesota Valley	4%	2,000.00
Minneapolis	42%	21,000.00
South Eastern	15%	7,500.00
St. Paul	20%	10,000.00
Western	3%	1,500.00
Northern Pacific	3%	1,500.00
Total	100%	$50,000.00

This apportionment was communicated to the various Conferences and, I think, in every instance the amount was, by the Conference Apportionment Committee duly apportioned among the Churches and communications sent to each Church telling them of their apportionment.

It is impossible at this time to tell what the results of the year's work will be. In almost all cases where we have heard anything about it the Churches have courageously gone to work to raise the amount. In some cases we have heard that they considered it impossible and in a few they have gone beyond.

Our Committee, for various and insurmountable reasons, has not been able to do a systematic follow up work, as I hope and believe the Committee should do for the coming year.

It is my belief that the apportionment system has come to stay and that it can be made more and more effective as the Churches become better acquainted with and inspired by the idea of perfect co-operation in the maintenance of all our benevolences.

One weakness of the system up to date has been the fact that the W. B. M. I. have been doing their work independent of the general apportionment system. In consulting strong men of our denomination, who are deeply interested in the apportionment plan and have had an opportunity for wide observation, it seems to be the unanimous opinion that this separation is not only a weakness from the standpoint of the apportionment system but will more and more become a handicap to the W. B. M. I. With this idea in view, and believing that through co-operation of all of our various societies in raising money for their support, a much better result could be obtained; I was delighted at the opportunity of meeting in conference with a committee appointed by the W. B. M. I. for that purpose.

After discussing the subject in its various phases the ladies of the Committee passed a motion, by unanimous vote, that it was in their opinion advisable for the W. B. M. I. to join with the other societies in the apportionment plan and, speaking for the Apportionment Committee of this Association, I felt no hesitation in assuring them that they would be received in the general apportionment system with much pleasure. I have no doubt that such an amalgamation will be of great benefit to all of the benevolent interests of the Church.

In view of the fact that I expect and believe that the Minnesota branch will be a part of the apportionment system for the year 1910 to 1911, your Committee makes the following recommendations:

That the amount of $50,000 be set aside as a standard for the minimum amount to be raised by the Churches of this state for the eight societies and that the amount given shall be divided on the following basis of percentage:

Foreign work, 40% credited as follows:

A. B. C. F. M.	25%	
W. B. M. I.	15%	40%

Work in home land 60% including 15 through the W. H. M. U. as follows:

M. C. M. S.	32%
A. M. A.	6%
C. C. B. S.	8%
C. E. S.	4%
C. S. S. and P. S.	8%
Ministerial relief	2%
Total	100%

It is my belief that for the coming year, if we all work together, we can raise the $50,000.

I fear that even, do the best we can between now and the 1st of January, we will fall considerably short of that amount for this year, possibly $10,000, but even that will show gain under the apportionment system.

Your Committee also recommends that the regular Apportionment Committee of one male member from each Conference be appointed; that added thereto there be two ladies, preferably the State Treasurers of the W. B. M. I. and the W. H. M. U., making a committee of 11 persons and that the recommendations go from this Association to the local conferences that the ladies' societies be represented in like manner upon the Conference Apportionment Committee and again that at least the same representation be had upon the Missionary Committee in each local Church.

We also recommend that the Chairman of the Apportionment Committee be authorized to fill vacancies when they occur in the Committee and that the officers of the General Association be authorized to furnish stationery and pay postage for the correspondence necessary for proper work of this Committee.

In conclusion we appreciate and commend the zeal of many of the members of the various Conferences and Church Committees and we regret that we are not able to report in greater detail as to the condition of our missionary work in the individual Churches of the state, and we trust that our Committee for the year will be so equipped that they may be able to keep in touch with the individual Church and earnestly recommend to the Churches that correspondence with the Apportionment Committee be promptly attended to.

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE STATE ADVISORY BOARD.

Not great things but the record of many needful things done during the year constitutes our annual report.

From men seeking service in our Churches have come applications to the number of forty-seven.

From Churches seeking Pastors, fifty-two.

Information has been sought by Churches outside the state to the number of thirty-seven.

The Board would call attention to four cases of difficulties adjusted through its kindly offices. Three were internal troubles between members or with Pastor which were adjusted through the agency in one case of a general missionary, in another by a conference of Pastors, in a third by a council, and in a fourth by the visit of the Secretary.

In this brief recital these items have meager significance. But in their

bearing upon the welfare of our Churches locally they loom large and influential.

Respectfully submitted by the Board,
WILLIS A. WARREN, Chairman.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Carleton College, founded in 1866, when twelve trustees were elected, by this Congregational Conference, and given power to increase their number to twenty-four, with restriction that three-fourths of those elected to conduct the business of the College for *the first year* shall be members of Churches in connection with the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

Founded by Congregationalists.

Fostered by Congregationalists, Carleton should now have the favor and the funds that come from the Congregationalists.

Carleton is forty-four years old and forty-four annual "reports from Carleton College" have been read before this Association, so it will not be strange if one so young as I should fail to "report" something new.

"Beautiful of situation," the joy of the whole state is Carleton College, and yet how little we really appreciate her and how much less we give for her support. Two hundred twenty-four Congregational Churches in Minnesota and only two have given *one red cent* to Carleton since we last met. Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, gave $100.70, Northfield Church gave $33.83.

Could there be a systematic giving by all these Churches, however small the gift, what a world of good it would do the College, and the Churches!

Couldn't there by a "Carleton Day" once a year, with a special presentation, and a special, large collection sent in free of expense to the College? The young people of our Churches know very little about the advantages to be had at Carleton. We ought to advertise our College far and near.

The enrollment at present is very gratifying, considering the fact that there is a marked falling off in attendance this year in most of the smaller colleges.

In the Freshman Class men 51, and women 54. Over 50 women turned away because of lack of room to accommodate them.

The upper classes enroll men 75, women 120, music students not taking other work 23, making a total of 323.

The present Senior Class has men 27, women 39, total 66; the largest graduating class in the history of the College.

Carleton is now in a position to bid for men, a new $60,000 men's gymnasium, donated by Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hill, of Northfield, is just completed. This is as fine a gymnasium as there is in the Northwest. It is fitted with reading room, rest and social rooms, trophy room, swimming pool, running track and a complete outfit for physical culture and contest games. The men are now being trained physically, mentally, morally and spiritually,

and we expect to see some model work done. Work in the gymnasium counts on the regular curriculum, each student being required to have six semester credits before graduation. A regular paid director is employed. One of the great needs now is a separate gymnasium for the women.

The religious work of the College was never more encouraging. Students all attend chapel once a day and Church on Sunday. The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association and other religious organizations are doing aggressive work.

Carleton is evangelical from its Freshman Class, all the way up to the President of the institution. A new plan in chapel exercises is begun. Every Thursday morning a lecture is given by one of the faculty or a visitor, on some interesting, live topic of the day.

There are at present 5, possibly 6, young men at the College preparing for the ministry or some other definite Christian work.

In the Freshman Class, September, 1909, of the 57 men, 38 of them represented eleven different Church denominations, 19 were not members of any Church. Of the 61 women of the same class 50 represented ten Church denominations, 11 were non-Church members. While Carleton is a Congregational College, she is not bigoted, and young men and women of all denominations are equally welcome within her walls.

Forty per cent of Carleton students live within a territory covered by a radius of fifty miles from Northfield and this territory comprises forty per cent of the entire population of Minnesota and a small part of Wisconsin, but sixty per cent of her students live beyond this fifty mile radius and some of them many miles, passing several noted institutions of learning, in their choice of Carleton, so that Carleton is not a small local institution, but a college of which the whole country may be proud.

Carleton stands for a thorough and complete college education, as a foundation for or preparatory to a special course in law, medicine or something else. The commercialism of today is forcing young men from the eighth grade in our high schools directly into a professional course, and that's one reason why we have so many poorly prepared doctors, unsuccessful lawyers and inefficient professional men.

Let us stand by old Carleton in this respect, remembering that culture is worth more than profession, that a man and his character are of more value than his property.

Since our last meeting, Harlan W. Page, Secretary and Treasurer for twenty-five years, has retired on the Carnegie Foundation, and Professor F. J. Fairbank has been selected to take his place. Mr. Page retains his position as trustee.

On February 4, 1910, the College recorded with deep sorrow the death of Hon. William H. Laird, of Winona, President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Laird had shown his interest in the College when in 1905 he made the largest donation ever given Carleton College, $100,000. Of this sum $50,000 was for the erection of a new science hall and $50,000 for its endowment.

During the year the College has received to be added to its endowment, $10,000 from the M. W. Skinner estate.

A new $1,000 Riefler Siderial clock has been installed in the Observatory. It is encased in three air-tight vaults to preserve an even pressure and temperature.

The clock winds itself every thirty seconds. The temperature is maintained at 75° by an automatic device connected with a gas heater.

The clock needs no attention for months at a time. This clock is a necessity as Carleton furnishes time to most of the railroads of the Northwest.

Carleton has a plant worth $460,000, a corps of teachers worth ten times that much and all well equipped for service, but the great need of the College today is $500,000 more endowment and $300,000 for new buildings. I do not think that we will miss our guess when we prophesy that in a short time a vigorous campaign for this purpose will be started. Let us give it a boost by our sympathy, our prayers and our money. And now I propose a rousing round of applause for Carleton College.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. DECKER,
Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF VISITORS TO WINDOM INSTITUTE.

The visitors appointed for Windom Institute have not succeeded in getting together, and only one of them has been able to visit the Institute.

Mr. Johnson's business and obligations as a director of the National Brotherhood, and alternate delegate from the Association to the National Council, made it impossible for him to visit Windom Institute this fall, or to attend the Association, but he had made some investigations and had come to the following conclusions:

"That the Institute is serving a useful purpose in furnishing an opportunity for an education to the young women and men in this district who would not otherwise, from lack of the necessary means, be able to attend. Young men and young women not able, either from an educational standard or financial resources, to go to our large institutions, may take advantage of this school."

Now in regard to my own impressions. I spent half a day there on September 20th. The Institute seems to be filling a real need. It provides an education for many, who have lacked such advantages earlier in life, and who for that reason would be disinclined to attend the public schools. The terms are so low as to be within the means of the majority.

Mr. Nichol, the Principal, seems to be the right man in the right place. The enrollment this fall is more than fifty per cent greater than it was last year at this time. They were already having to turn away girls who

applied for admission, because they had no room for them in the girls' dormitory. Four were turned away on the day before I was there.

Usually a large proportion of the students enroll after the cold weather sets in, and the farm work is over. If that should be the case this winter they will not be able to accommodate the girls at least. The boys are allowed to room outside the building.

A new girls' dormitory and a boys' lodge are greatly needed.

The influence of the school seems to be decidedly Christian, there being a Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A., also prayer meetings every Wednesday evening beside the morning devotions.

I hope it will not be long before Windom Institute will have a regular Bible course of study, for in these days when the Bible is debarred from the public schools we are in special need of schools where the Bible shall be taught.

The students seemed to be a bright, earnest and interesting lot of young men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. UPTON.

REPORT OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1910.

The chief work of the Committee for the past year has been to ascertain, so far as possible, the general methods employed along the main lines of Sunday School activity. To this end, a questionaire on methods was sent out to more than 200 schools, and responses have been received, without the usual follow up appeals, from 70. While this would be disheartening in any effort that required enumeration or comprehensiveness, so far as methods actually employed by our schools is concerned, it is probably about as well as if more of them had responded.

A brief summary of the various replies is here given.

The first question asked for methods used in encouraging Sunday School and Church attendance.

With reference to Sunday School attendance, the cross and crown system or silver and gold stars, takes the lead. Then follow in order, contests, such as the red and blue button, a banner for the highest percentage of class attendance, and prizes. Others are, class organization, a Bible to all who attend one year without absence, a messenger service, a blackboard and thermometer of attendance, a committee of two from each class, some special task for the following Sunday, Star class chart, welcoming new and returning scholars by handkerchief salute, voting a welcome, follow up absence with cards and letters, lesson picture cards, Scripture buttons and cards for perfect monthly attendance and medals for perfect yearly attendance,

the Eberhart roll and honor system, Knights of the Order of King Arthur requiring Sunday School attendance, and diplomas for attendance and accomplished work.

With reference to attendance at Church, the inducement most often referred to was, good music. Others were, special sermons to children, children's choir for evening service, having Sunday School before the Church services, a Church visiting committee, the effort to have teacher and class attend in a body, a picnic to regular attendants, and special credits for regularity of attendance in the Knights of the Order of King Arthur.

The second question concerned the method of conducting the teachers' meeting.

The replies revealed that the Pastor leads the great majority of them, the Superintendent comes next in leadership, while a few are led by the teachers themselves. Most of them are held every week but many are held monthly, while one school reports a bi-weekly meeting for lesson study and one quarterly for business only. A lunch in connection with many of these meetings is a noticeable feature in increasing the sense of fellowship and social interest. Some schools have their teachers' meeting in connection with the weekly prayer-meeting, the Pastor sometimes making the Sunday School lesson the theme of the mid-week service. When held weekly, the service is chiefly devoted to lesson study; when held monthly, Sunday School needs, interests and methods, are the main matters of discussion. Some of these monthly meetings of the Sunday School Cabinet are held to be very successful.

Question three concerned teacher-training.

Here it was found that most classes were led by a special teacher, with the Pastor next, and the Superintendent a close third. Hurlburt's "Revised Normal Lessons" is the text-book most commonly used, although Oliver's "Preparation for Teaching" has a place in some classes. The Evangel Advanced Course is the only one mentioned for advanced work. Most classes are held outside the school hour, but the preponderance is not great. Some schools have teacher-training classes both in and out of school.

Question four asked if the new graded lessons are being used in the primary and junior grades.

The replies indicate that in the great majority of our schools, these new lessons have not yet found their way, although some report the expectancy of introducing them soon. In the schools where they have been used, the greater number hold them to be very successful, some indicating enthusiastic approval. The reports indicate greater satisfaction in the primary than in the junior department. Only one voice was lifted in distinct opposition to them. It is the judgment of the Committee that under ordinary conditions, if teachers will give the requisite amount of attention to the work, the new lessons will prove very practical and helpful—a real advance upon any similar lesson work attempted heretofore.

Question five inquired into methods of securing decisions for the Christian life.

By far the greater number laid emphasis upon the personal work of Pastor and teachers as the only agencies used. Many schools have one or more Decision Days. Other methods are, Pastor speaks to the school just before each communion, Pastor has a training-class, and there is special emphasis on choosing Christ in school and class at that time; before the first Sunday of each quarter, Pastor and teachers co-operate in some sort of definite appeal for such decision. One school reports through one of the best of our state workers in these words: "We have no special methods, such as Decision Day, but about twice a year (in the Junior Division), we select some one lesson which affords an opportunity for special appeal for choice of Christ as our pattern, and arrange our program for that day for a quiet, prayerful few moments when the boys and girls are given the opportunity to signify their wish to become Christians."

Question sixth had reference to actual missionary work undertaken at first hand.

The replies indicate that, while a few schools are carrying on branch or mission schools, the far greater number are simply engaged in their own work.

The last question had reference to suggestions for promoting Sunday School efficiency.

The thing most insisted upon was, the regular attendance of teachers. Other suggestions were, teacher-training, teachers' meetings, class organization, Pastor's review, varying the program, a greater use of the Assistant Superintendent, the attendance of parents, personal work during the week, a brief history of the Bible and review of its contents, an annex to the Church building for social purposes, games, basket-ball, etc., making Sunday School membership necessary to its privileges, and having a Sunday School visitor, like a County Superintendent of Schools, to suggest new methods.

Now that we are undertaking teacher-training and the grading of our Schools, and have adopted a standard for teachers, and also of Adult Bible Class organization, has not the time come for standardizing the schools themselves? Already tentative standards are being offered, one for the larger schools, and one for the smaller rural or village school. No doubt the adoption of certain recognized standards for Sunday Schools, would do much to stimulate interest and efficiency.

It is obvious that with unity of spirit and purpose in our Sunday School work, it finds expression in a variety of methods. No effort has been made to secure methods of work along all lines, but only in such general lines as would appeal to the average school throughout the state. Some of these methods will commend themselves as highly important, others, perhaps, will seem to be of doubtful wisdom. They are here presented, practically as

reported, in the hope that some of our schools may find in them something suggestive and helpful in view of their own condition and needs.

It may be added that members of the Committee have addressed three local Conferences on Sunday School matters during the year. If the Committee could come into more frequent touch with local Conferences in this way, and still better, come into closer contact with the Sunday School workers of our Churches by holding institutes in various localities over the stae, it would be an end greatly to be desired.

H. K. PAINTER,
FRED B. HILL,
C. J. HUNT,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION OF MINNESOTA, FOR 1909-10.

In reporting to you the work of the year we would state definitely and briefly a few facts. We have gotten in touch with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; we have secured their endorsement of our work and we have been informed as to those denominations co-operating in the wide movement as well as helped to wise measures for associating with us the denominations at work in Minnesota.

We have held four meetings with a total attendance of seventeen commissioners representing three denominations—the Baptist, Free Baptist and Congregationalists. The personnel of the commission membership has been changed during the year by the departure from our state of the two original Free Baptist commissioners, Rev. Benjamin Franklin and Rev. G. W. Stansbury, in whose stead their denomination has substituted Mr. Arthur Carlton of Minneapolis. Also Rev. John T. Henderson, the original Presbyterian commissioner, who was compelled to leave the state on account of ill health This leaves a single representative for the Presbyterian body.

We have received during the year from the denominations $15.00; this with a cash balance of $4.30 from last year gave us an income of $19.30.

The expenses for the year have been $18.09, leaving a balance on hand of $1.21.

We are now attempting to complete a survey of the state conditions as to denominational organizations and to secure larger denominational representation with the hope of beginning to secure the conservation of effort and money and to present a more solid front in the warfare of the King.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is made up of thirty-three Protestant denominations. Its constitution, which was recommended in 1905 by the Inter-Church conference adopted by the thirty-three denominations represented between 1906 and 1908 and ratified by the

commission at Philadelphia, December 2 to 8, 1908, provides "For the prosecution of work that can be better done in union than in separation." In particular:

First—To express the fellowship and unity of the Christian Church.
Second—To bring the denominations into united service.
Third—To encourage fellowship and council.
Fourth—To secure larger influence.

This Commission operates without authority over the denominations concerning doctrine, worship, government or action, but purely for council and co-operation in matters of common interest.

Of the thirty-three Protestant denominations represented in this great movement throughout our nation, twelve are operating in Minnesota. Thus far only four, Baptist, Free Baptist, Congregationalists and Presbyterians are active, notwithstanding the fact that early in 1908 a general call was issued and six denominations, Baptist, Free Baptist, Congragationalists, Disciples, Methodists and Presbyterians, responded and approved the movement in Minnesota.

It may be that the repeated overtures by the Commission to the denominations that have not co-operated since that first meeting have been faulty, but the state movement has not made its aim clear.

The serious obstacle to the accomplishment of any considerable result we are obliged to confess has been a failure of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, approached through its constituted authorities and prominent members, to identify itself with the movement. We are thoroughly persuaded that with this organized body which has so large a constituency and is so prominent in the work of the Kingdom in an attitude either of opposition or unconcern, the work of the Commission can hardly be continued for any length of time with any prospect of success.

It is time, we believe, to have the object of the Minnesota Interdenominational Commission known beyond question, that object being to have counsel and co-operation to prevent waste of resources and effort. In short to get together and work together for the religious uplift in Minnesota.

Back of all outreach and uplift that affects the people of this great commonwealth is the Church. A call is hereby given to her different branches working in Minnesota to take counsel with one another and to co-operate heartily. This should provide a sure foundation on which the many agencies and efforts can build wisely and most effectively.

REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

The Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota greet you with gratitude for a good year.

Contributions have been received from the State Association, seven Con-

ferences, twenty-five Churches and the Woman's Home Missionary Union.

It has been our privilege during the year to minister unto a larger number of families needing immediate help than in any previous year of our history, a condition to be looked for more and more as we grow older, and our ministers increase in number and advance in years.

Last spring it became my painful duty to write letters, not a few, to our beneficiaries who were anxiously looking for remittances past due, but unpaid because of lack of funds assuring them that "very soon—just as fast as money comes in, it shall be immediately sent."

One morning in early May a letter came to hand from the heirs of MIRON W. SKINNER, of Northfield, Minn., by John Street, executor, the contents of which actually took away my breath—but I survived.

That a sum of money bequeathed to the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota should come to hand at a time when six families were patiently waiting for needed help, meant immensely more to me than a mere coincidence. It was a time for bowing in thankfulness to Almighty God—bless the memory of the good man gone, with whom "there had been a readiness to *Will*"; remember with deep appreciation the loved ones yet with us, who faithfully "performed the *doing* of it," by which *"Willing"* and *"doing"* a LEGACY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS was duly paid into our treasury, for the relief of the aged minister of Jesus Christ, that he be provided for when his strength faileth. I pray that many more of our well-to-do Christian laymen may both *Will* and *Do* likewise, that we may have a large permanent fund for this most commendable cause.

The joy it gave us at this end to write and send away those letters with enclosures and the gratitude of our beneficiaries at the other end upon receiving them, cannot be reduced to writing, and I will not attempt it. Ah! men, but it was worth while, and to me a precious means of grace, for which I am thankful even now.

The two members whose term of office expires at this time are Walter N. Carroll and Wm. J. Gray.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

October 1, 1910.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

From October 1, 1909, to September 30, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

1909		
Oct. 3, cash on hand	$135.45	$135.45
Interest on mortgages	192.94	192.94
Contributions from twenty-five Churches	167.82	167.82
Woman's Home Missionary Union	23.95	23.95
Oct. 14, Collection State Association Meeting	34.40	34.40
Collections from seven Conferences—		
Western Conference, 1909	3.60	
Western Conference, 1910	3.45	
Minneapolis Conference, 1910	11.15	
St. Paul Association, 1910	13.40	
Minnesota Valley Conference, 1910	9.00	
Northern Pacific Conference, 1910	15.50	
Central Conference, 1910	8.30	
Duluth Conference, 1910	6.00	70.40
Total receipts, by am't forward, interest and contributions.	$624.96	$624.96
By bequest of Miron W. Skinner of Northfield, Minn.	500.00	500.00
Total	$1,124.96	$1,124.96

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aid given to nine families amounting to	$809.10	
Paid for envelopes, post cards and stamps	4.50	
	$813.60	$813.60
Cash on hand	311.36	311.36
	1,124.96	1,124.96
Interest bearing funds, D. P. Jones & Co.	$2,050.00	$2,050.00

M. B. MORRIS, Treasurer.

September 30, 1910.

The foregoing account has been examined by me and I find the same correct in every particular.

Minneapolis, September 30, 1910.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS,
Auditor.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY IN MINNESOTA.

The migratory spirit is the spirit of the age. Not to migrate every few years but to stay in one position long enough to make twenty-two annual reports in these days is not keeping in touch with the spirit of the age. It signifies something, however, in the way of acquaintance and influence in the state, whatever else may be implied in lack of courage. For instance, there has grown up in Minnesota a generation of boys and girls in these twenty-two years and those who knew your superintendent as one of the first ministers they remember are now to be found occupying places of influence and high trust in scores of cities and towns in this great commonweaith of Minnesota. Opportunities for establishing new centers of Christian work grow out of this long acquaintance and redound to the work of the Congregational Sunday School Society. Let me give the first part of this report to an illustration of this long time acquaintance.

Many years ago I officiated at a wedding where the flower girl waited upon her older sister, the bride. The family I had known pleasantly as active workers in one of our smaller cities years before that. This little flower girl passed from my observation until one day this spring she appeared at my office, grown now to woman's estate and having the traditional family interest in Christian work. It seemed that she had married a young banker and gone to one of the rapidly growing new towns on the line of the "Soo" railroad.

That day in the office we talked and planned for permanent Christian institutions in the English language in the community where her lot was cast and where no one denomination was strong enough to command the situation.

This was the problem I placed before Lyndale Sunday School, Minneapolis, for Children's Day. The generous Lyndale people, always forward in missionary zeal, said they would back my plans with a contribution of seventy dollars or thereabouts, and they raised the money.

From the present Senior class in Carleton College we drafted a student preacher, Mr. Cedric Crawford, the son of a former Anti-Saloon League superintendent in Minnesota.

Two months went by—the hot, dry months of July and August. Mr. Crawford and the splendid group of young Christian people not only pushed forward the development of the Sunday School but also reached out to two other larger towns on the railroad, devoid of preaching and for the summer at least devoid of the Sunday School. In these other villages the friends of Sunday School work were rallied, regular preaching established and the nucleus of a Church organization formed in one of them.

The gathering of a Ladies Aid Society in each of these fields was the precursor of success.

At the first of the three towns the Christian people discovered that all denominations coming together in a union, or community movement and adopting articles of that faith which was common to them all, had, in so doing organized a genuine Congregational Church, under whose broad Christian banner they could unite in their love and service to Jesus Christ. Sectarianism dropped out of sight before a Congregational government and a Congregational creed.

To conclude the story of these eight weeks briefly: When a church organization loomed on the horizon Dr. Thomas Barbour, Associate Home Missionary superintendent for the north half of the state, was called to the field and from that time forward assumed a tactful and aggressive attitude in counselling and helping Mr. Crawford on all the fields. With Dr. Barbour's help it was possible at the close of the eight weeks to report Mr. Crawford's salary paid for the summer with a draft of only $37.00 on the Lyndale contribution and the organization of a Congregational Church of fifteen members in one town; the proposed organization of a Church in a second; a fine Sunday School and Ladies Aid in a third; two other possible openings in good towns disclosed $700.00 subscribed on the field for a minister (only $100.00 more being required to announce this field as independent or self-supporting from the start), and finally a minister coming to the field. Is not that a sufficient outcome of eight weeks work? What an appropriate thing it would be for this Association meeting to raise that $100.00 needed to set this new work on the Waubun field in northern Minnesota on its feet. I propose that we do it.

To trace the hand of God in the various providences which center thus in new work is one of the delights of our Sunday School work. And what has grown out of an acquaintance a dozen years ago is typical in some of its features of what the boys and girls of yesterday are doing as the men and women of today in scores of places in this great state.

The pleasure of coming to their aid with the help of the Congregational Sunday School Society has been a feature of the work the last year.

Especially in this report do we desire to emphasize the large plans which the Congregational Sunday School Society is making for helping forward in the Northwest the educational development in the training of the young by the Church. The grading of the Sunday School and the use of graded lessons, the standardizing of our Sunday Schools, which is ably treated at this meeting by Mrs. Woodrow of Lyndale Church and the encouragement of teacher-training as arranged for by the State Sunday School Association—all this effort for efficient and thorough knowledge of the Word of God and the duties of life is a part of the field of the Congregational Sunday School Society. And while the missionary activity of the Society will not grow less in Minnesota plans are on foot for distinct denominational effort along the lines of educational advance in the Sunday School field. And here

let me acknowledge the interest and help of our State Committee in these plans.

In connection with this first meeting of the Association with the Churches of the far northwestern part of the state it is my pleasure to announce the probable appointment by the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society of an associate Superintendent of work for northern Minnesota. South Dakota was added last year to the supervision of the Minnesota superintendent and with this district arrangement in force it became imperative to appoint a worker to join with Dr. Barbour in the Christian work and development of this northern Minnesota—a region as large in itself as Iowa.

This associate superintendent will be in direct touch with the Churches in promoting Sunday School grading, teacher-training and better Sunday School work all along the line. He will also have direct responsibility for the initiatory work of the denomination in this north section, in co-operation with Dr. Barbour of the Home Missionary Society and will aid so far as possible in the care and development of some seventy-five branch Sunday Schools located in various fields in this part of the state. This provision for northern Minnesota by the Sunday School Society will undoubtedly be recognized as a great step forward in our state, marking this meeting of 1910. Undoubtedly, too, the gifts to this missionary agency will increase largely in recognition of this generous provision. Northern Minnesota alone may well contribute $1,000.00 in this first year of independent Sunday School missionary work toward the support of its own superintendent.

During the Associational year just closed eight workers have been employed in Minnesota: William J. Conard in the big Marshall district, John F. Okerstein in the Swedish-American work and your superintendent giving their whole time to Christian work. Two University students and one Carleton student have done valuable work. Two Pastors have also given time to special work. Eleven communities have been helped to organize religious work and in seven others the institutions of religion have been restored. Seven hundred and twenty-one addresses and sermons have been given and thirty thousand five hundred and eighty-eight miles have been traveled in this work.

The total expense in the last fiscal year for eight workers amounted to about the cost of sustaining a Pastor in a city Church—$3,799.41 in all for salaries and expenses.

The Churches gave to this work $2,511.40 and, with the new superintendent in northern Minnesota we need at least $4,000 the coming year from the various sources, Churches, Sunday Schools, Endeavor Societies, Brotherhoods and the branches of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, whose generous provision has made possible this great help for the northern half of the state.

There is not space to tell in this report of Bell Church, St. Paul, grown from a Sunday School cared for over twenty years; of the fine new Church

Building at Forest, St. Paul, now completely paid for, thanks largely to Pastor Loos; of the work at Gladstone, at Penn Avenue, Minneapolis and many other points; but those who have read Congregational Minnesota month by month have kept informed of the varied phases of this missionary work. Nor does space allow adequate mention of Mr. Conard's new field of eight counties in western Minnesota or the evangelistic work of Rev. John F. Okerstein, always so fruitful.

For all the help and prayers and gifts from the Congregational people of Minnesota we give our grateful acknowledgment. This is a work in partnership with the Master Himself, if it has in it any meaning at all. May His leadership in it all be its marked feature the coming year.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Supt. C. S. S. & P. S. for Minn.

THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The subject of the standardization of the Sunday School may be treated under two heads: Why and how. Three answers occur to me as why.

I.

1. It is in the line of progress. A wave of interest in Sunday School matters is sweeping over the country, and some facts are becoming clear. The Church is arousing herself to a feeling of responsibility for religious education; a realization that in the New Testament preaching and teaching are generally mentioned together, as co-ordinate duties. Also, that if she fail in this duty, it remains undone. The school is not permitted, the home is gradually ceasing to do it. Another fact is that the Sunday School is the agency upon which the Church must mainly rely in teaching the Word of God. It seems to have been raised up for such a time as this. Again, the basic thought of the movement seems to be spiritual. The underlying principles of the new graded lessons, the increased emphasis upon the Home Department, the social service ideals of the Adult Classes all show that this is not merely a quest for information, but for a better understanding of the Word of God, and an effort to apply it to the complex conditions of modern life.

2. It is in the line of efficiency, I believe, that many of the defects in our work have arisen because we have not had a common idea of what we want to do. We have each one done what was right in his own eyes; and have not known what ideas and methods others have had. But when men are doing any work together, like building a sewer or a wall, nothing but confusion would result if every man did what he planned, without keeping rigidly to a standard which regulated width and depth or height. Now, as Sunday School workers we are trying to build the wall of God's

truth around the hearts and lives of boys and girls, men and women. Because we have failed to realize that ours is in many respects a common work, requiring a common standard, our wall has been ragged and uneven, strong in some places, weak in others, with great gaps through which the wolves and bears of unbelief and immortality have crept to snatch the choicest of our flock from before our eyes. If we would have our wall strong and symmetrical we must remember that we have common ideals and aspirations, and common dangers to avoid,—in other words, build in accordance with a recognized standard.

3. I find the third answer to the question "why" in the fact that we are Congregationalists. Standardization is a comparatively new and untried thing, a step in advance to most of us, but the spiritual descendants of the man who said "There is yet light to break forth from God's Word" are not the ones to shy at new things, simply because they are new. As a denomination we march light, unencumbered by the weight of an out-worn, out-grown traditionalism. Our minds, unhampered by the deadening effects of ritualism can think in terms of today and its needs; and we have no denominational task-master armed with authority to demand one or another of our tale of bricks. But because we are so free and independent we ought to take advantage of everything that could bind us more closely. Common standards of Sunday School work may be but light threads, but nothing that will help or emphasize fellowship should be neglected.

II.

THE HOW OF STANDARDIZATION.

One denomination, the Christian, has adopted a standard in which schools that conform to certain requirements are called Front Rank Schools. Its defect is that it has one standard for all schools. The State Sunday School Association has just published a double standard, A for large schools, B for small ones, containing many admirable features, but which is in some respects a little too exacting, at least to begin with. In conference with our state superintendent of Sunday School work, it was decided after careful consideration that some of the requirements were essential, others, while desirable, were not equally so. The first were marked A, the second B. These standards are as follows:

B. GRADE STANDARD.

Rural and Small Schools in Village and City.
(Eight or fewer teachers, enrollment of 100 or less pupils.)
(A Essential, B Desirable).

I. ORGANIZATION.

1. (b) An active Cradle Roll.(1)
2. (a) At least three divisions or classes: elementary (birth to 12 years),

advanced, (13-19 years), and adults (20 years up) with at least one class in each.

3. (a and b) Superintendent and separate place for Elementary Division.(2)

4. (a) One organized class with certificate.

5. (a) A working Home Department.

II. EDUCATION.

1. (a) One or more graduates of a Teacher Training or Reading Course.

2. (a) Workers' meeting at least quarterly.

3. (b) Graded lessons or supplemental work with the uniform lesson.(3)

4. (a) Teacher's library with at least three approved books.

5. (a) Represented by delegate at District, County or State Convention.

III. ADMINISTRATION.

1. (b) In session all the year.(4)

2. (a) Records of membership, attendance, absentees and offering.

3. (a) Annual statistical report to denomination and state association.

4. (b) Annual offering to work of County and State Associations, having first contributed to its own denominational Sunday School work.(5)

5. Regular missionary offering.

IV. EVANGELIZATION.

1. (b) Observed at least one Confession or Decision Day.

2. (a) Confirmation or church accessions.

A. GRADE STANDARD.

Large schools in village and city.

Ten or more teachers, enrollment of 100 or more scholars.

I. ORGANIZATION.

1. (a) An active Cradle Roll.

2. (b) Beginners, (3 to 6 years), at least one class.(6)

3. (b) Primary, (6 to 9 years), at least one class.(6)

4. (b) Junior, (9 to 12 years), at least two classes.(7)

5. (b) Intermediates, (13 to 16 years), at least two classes.(8)

6. (a) Senior, (16 to 19 years), at least one class.

7. (a) Adult, (20 years up), at least one class.(9)

8. (b) A superintendent over each department.(9)

9. (a) A working Home Department.

10. (b) A temperance superintendent.(10)

11. (b) A missionary superintendent.(10)

II. EDUCATION.

1. (a and b) A Teacher Training Class with two or more students, held during session of school.(11)

2. (a) Any standard graded lessons or supplemental work with uniform lesson.

3. (a and b) A workers' meeting, at least monthly.(12)

4. (a and b) Annual promotion and public recognition in elementary, (birth to 12 years), and advanced divisions, (13 to 19 years).(13)

5. (a and b) Twenty-five per cent of the officers and teachers or students of an approved Teacher Training or Reading Course.(14)

6. (a and b) Regular missionary instruction.(15)

7. (a and b) Regular temperance instruction.(15)

9. (a) Represented by delegate at District, County or State Convention.

III. ADMINISTRATION.

1. (b) In session all the year.

2. (a) Records of membership, attendance, absentees and offering.

3. (a) Annual statistical report to denomination and State Association.

4. (b) Fifty per cent of the church membership enrolled in the Sunday School.(16)

5. (a) Regular missionary offering.

6. (a and b) At least two organized Bible classes with certificates.(17)

7. (b) Annual offering to work of County and State Associations, having first contributed to its own denominational Sunday School work.(18)

IV. EVANGELIZATION.

1. (b) Observed at least one Decision or Confession Day.(19)

2. (a) Confirmation or church accessions.(20)

A certificate with a seal indicating the year the standard is attained is to be given; the next year another seal is affixed, and other seals in the same manner for five or ten years.

Some of the terms and lines of work set forth are quite new, and may not be entirely familiar. The certificate for organized classes referred to is issued by the State Sunday School Association on the payment of twenty-five cents and is a certificate of recognition and registration with that Association. The Teacher Training Course comprises the First Standard and Advanced Courses. The first consists of a required numbers of lessons in Bible history and Geography, Pedagogy, and Sunday School history. A very popular text book in this state is Hurlbut's Revised Normal Lessons.

The Advanced Course carries Bible history and Geography into more detail and takes up briefly church history, missions, child study and Sunday School history and management. This course covers two years. Diplomas are awarded after successfully passing examinations in the different sections.

Supplemental Lessons are, as their name indicates, to fill up and make complete the Uniform Lessons. They are carefully graded and designed to cover the periods of the Elementary and Advanced Divisions, but are unnecessary with the new Graded Lessons.

The ruling principle of the three new lessons is to put the pupil at the

centre and require the instruction to be fitted to his needs. Their purpose is to meet the spiritual needs of the pupil at each stage of his development. They have been issued in seven parts as follows: Beginners, two year course; Primary, first and second year; Junior, first and second year; Intermediate, first year. One year of each series will be issued until all the years of each grade are covered.

The system of grading advocated by the International Sunday School Association has three broad divisions, Elementary, Advanced and Adult. In the Elementary Division are grouped the Beginners, the Primary and Junior Departments. The Advanced Division consists of the 'teen age, and has two or three departments as Teacher Training is included or not. The first department is the Intermediate including ages 13, 14, 15. The Senior Department begins at 16 and extends to 20. Many schools are making it optional whether a pupil shall enter the Senior Department or take a Teacher Training at the same age and the same length of time. The Adult Department extends from 20 years, and besides classes for both men and women in the Sunday School should provide for those unable to attend the regular sessions in a Home Department.

Information regarding any of these points may be obtained at the expense of postage from the State Sunday School Association, A. M. Locker, Secretary, 871 Snelling Avenue, St. Paul.

The writer will also be glad to explain at any time, anything not entirely understood. At the State Association's Summer School of Methods these points were made clear by lecture and discussion, and the writer would be very glad to share with others the knowledge and inspiration that she gained.

FOOT NOTES OF EXPLANATION.

1. In some small schools in farming regions there might be little material for a Cradle Roll.

2. Many small schools have only one room for the whole school. If possible, there should be at least screened corners for the younger ones.

3. While supplemental work with the uniform lesson is desirable, it is not always possible with one's teaching force to secure it.

4. A small school might be compelled to close from lack of teachers or pupils in the city in summer.

5. A school meeting all other requirements ought not to forfeit a certificate from failure to meet this.

6. It might be necessary to have Beginners and Primary children in the same class.

7. In a school there might not be material for two classes, though boys and girls at this age are better apart.

8. The same rule that applies to the Junior age is also true of the Intermediate age.

9. A superintendent over each department is very desirable. If impossible to find those able or willing to serve, the Beginners and Primary Departments might be put under one superintendent, and where other departments were small, a teacher might act as superintendent.

10. It might be difficult in a school of 100 or more to find superintendents enough to fill so many positions. It is much the better way, however, although some schools do their work by means of committees.

11. Teacher Training class essential; time and place subject to conditions.

12. Workers' meeting at least quarterly an essential; monthly meetings desirable.

13. Annual promotion essential; public recognition desirable.

14. Ten per cent essential, twenty-five per cent desirable.

15. Temperance and missionary instruction essential; uniformity of method not essential.

16. Percentage rather large to begin with.

17. One class essential; two classes desirable.

18. A school meeting all other requirements ought not to forfeit a certificate from failure to meet this.

19. All denominations might not agree as to the desirability of a Confession or Decision Day.

20. In the case of a church left pastorless, a year might elapse without accessions to the church from the school.

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Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society was held in connection with the meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, at Crookston, on Tuesday, October 4, at 2 p. m., the Moderator of the Association President C. H. Cooper, in the chair.

On motion, the Scribes and Nominating Committee of the Association were elected to similar service for the Society.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. W. Howard, General Missionary in the Rainy River District.

The usual review of the Missionary Year was presented by the Secretary, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, D. D., under the title "The First Year of the New Era in Minnesota."

Hon. J. A. Sawyer as Committee, presented a paper on a Report prepared for the Directors by Rev. E. L. Heermance, on "Ministers' Salaries and the Cost of Living," which was followed by discussion.

The Nominating Committee presented its report as follows:

For Voting Members of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, For One Year—MR. HARINGTON BEARD, REV. E. L. HEERMANCE. For Two Years—GEO. E. PERLEY, ESQ., REV. GEO. R. MERRILL. For Three Years—REV. S. G. SMITH, HON. L. E. JEPSON.

For Director of the Congregational Home Missionary Society—REV. HARRY P. DEWEY.

For Directors—For Three Years—PROF. HORACE GOODHUE, REV. ALEX MILNE, REV. EVERETT LESHER. For Two Years—MR. W. D. GREGORY.

The persons nominated were duly elected to the several offices.
No other business appearing the Society adjourned.

PERRY A. SHARPE,
FRANK ATKINSON,
Scribes.

GEO. R. MERRILL,
Secretary.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW ERA IN MINNESOTA.

The change from an assembly in which relations are purely those of fellowship to one charged with legal responsibilities and under legal protection and supervision, may not greatly affect our sense of realities, but it nevertheless marks distinctly a stage in our development as associated churches, to whose first duties we are adjusting ourselves.

The new position which is ours as a self-supporting and constituent state, to which, under beneficent pressures, we have come, sooner than some among us desired, but with the evident blessing of our Divine Leader and Lord, calls on us first, to offer our grateful praises to Him, and then to record our sense of indebtedness for the patient nurture and encouragement, and the unstinted financial aid which have been ours from the churches of the East, and which have been bestowed on the region of which we form a part, from the days of the pioneer missionaries to Dakota territory sent out and supported by the American Home Missionary Society.

Through that Society the impulse was given, and the substantial aid furnished, that have resulted in the organized Presbyterianism as well as Congregationalism of the great states that now occupy that area. With the change of name to Congregational Home Missionary Society there was even an increase of helpfulness to meet our enlarging appeal for help.

The coming years are to prove, in our spirit of helpfulness to the whole country and in its manifestation, as well as in what we do for ourselves, that we are worth all that has been so freely bestowed upon us.

We owe much to the patient consideration and discussion which under wise leadership have been going on among us for the last twenty years, and whose results have registered themselves in one phase of improvement after another in our way reduced to practice.

It is largely due to this that when the time came for legal organization and the assumption of our full responsibilities, we were able without the creation of any new machinery to secure all that is desirable for unification and solidarity.

In our incorporation we have the closest articulation with the churches in their local associations, the full recognition of their initiative and sufficiency, a control of funds and policies by them just as effective as they

choose to make it, with freedom for whatever development growing strength and the exigencies of the situation may demand.

We may rightly congratulate ourselves therefore upon the simplicity of organization with which we address ourselves to our new responsibilities.

The full significance of the new era is not that as a state, we pay our own bills without recourse, or that, for the first time, we have this year a small share in missionary work in the rest of our land.

It is rather in that to which your attention was called last year, the new conception involved of the work in our own state, that it is a work not of charity but of fellowship, that money is only one of the terms by which that fellowship is expressed, and that those who receive it are not to be separated in thought or fact as a class different from those who need and use other forms of help.

The grand result to which we mean to contribute is the heading up of our Congregational service all round the world, not into a domination of Boards and Bureaus and Societies. but into a service of mutual help, of which it shall be said "Neither was there any among them that lacked," and in which Boards and Societies have a fit place as channels through which the churches, whose fellowship makes them one household of faith, express themselves.

In the closing months of our old relation to the C. H. M. S. and in preparation for the new order by the men to whom you had committed that task, none was more interested or more hopeful for the future, than the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Hon. William H. Laird of Winona. His unexpected removal from us was a loss in counsel and help that has been greatly felt.

The following minute was adopted by your Directors and the Chairmen of Conference Committees in joint session, and spread upon the Records:

> "In the death of William Harris Laird the Missionary Work in Minnesota has suffered the loss of a valued counsellor and generous supporter, who for many years has served upon its Board of Directors, and for a large part of them as its President.
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> "We who have been his associates on the Board of Directors hereby express our appreciation of his service with us, our sense of corporate and personal loss in his removal, and our sympathy with his bereaved household."

Two other warm friends and helpers of our work have been removed during the year by death.

Hon. Ward Ames of Pilgrim Church, Duluth, was a man large-hearted and sympathetic, who never turned a deaf ear to a suggestion of help. It is no violation of confidence now to say that the gifts that gladdened some

missionaries' homes at the last Christmas, from an unknown donor, were from him.

Mr. Myron W. Skinner of the Northfield Church had been a life long friend and helper of Home Missionary work and in the provisions of his will placed a gift for the National Society.

What we have been accustomed to call "Home Missions" has two very distinct aims before it.

In Minnesota it is first a work of evangelization which looks to doing our fair share in reaching with the message of the Gospel the unreached population of our state. In this aspect it does not strive after or expect the organization of churches, but only to preach the Gospel.

But this is not the larger and more significant part of its work. That looks to the building, and building up, of centers.

While we must do our share of the former, it is this latter work that is to broaden the home base and multiply recruiting stations and recruits for that world conquest to which all missionary work is the means.

Every addition to churches already established, every church brought to self-support, every new church permanently planted, enlarges the base, which is the great thing to which we are called in Home Missions.

In the years from 1890 to 1906 the population of Minnesota increased 55%.

In the same period the Protestant increase was 76%.

The increase in our Congregational body was 80%.

The figures of the last census have not yet reached us. The next census will show what ten years of Denominational responsibility have accomplished and we begin the record with good courage, with profound assurance of the adaptation of our free way to the needs and disposition of the empire in which we are set and with quickened faith in the God of our Fathers.

Your Directors before making plans for the year made prolonged and careful study of the situation. They took note of what the churches had been giving in the four years in which our present condition had been in anticipation and fixed upon the average of those years as the amount that could be safely expended with a conditional expenditure of twenty-five per cent in addition, if furnished by the churches.

The case as it appeared to the Directors was submitted by circular letter to the Churches and they were asked to express by vote their approval of the steps taken and to indicate what amount could be expected from them during the year.

Of course not all the Churches responded. But if any were not in sympathy with the movement they failed to say so, and enough responded to make it possible to report to the joint meeting of the Directors and the Chair-

men of the various Fellowship Committees that it was safe to make appropriations on the basis proposed, with a supplemental list to be voted later in the year if the situation warranted.

The response on the part of the churches that received aid the previous year was most noteworthy and of a sort to give unexpected encouragement.

Forty-two fields either by declaring their purpose of self-support or by voluntary reduction asked $5,371 less than not only the previous year, but less than what it had been supposed would be necessary for them this year.

By their co-operation at a sacrifice and effort which some of them will hardly be able to maintain, the budget whose lowest possible figure seemed to be $16,798 or $1,400 a month, which was so close to the sum total that could be realized from the total result of the apportionment as to be unsafe, was reduced to $11,427 or about $1,000 a month which seems fairly within our reach.

The most serious difficulty which met the Directors was one which for several years has been named in the Annual Address. The obligations of the Society would surely come due every month, but all experience showed that contributions that were pledged would be deferred largely to the close of the year.

It was estimated that $2,500 would be required to carry along the work through the year, and an endeavor has been made to secure that amount as a permanent working capital. About $1,500 has been paid in and some more is promised. It is due to the possession of this that the Society has been able to redeem all its promises promptly thus far and will make its payments on the first of October.

In order that we may continue to do so through the remaining six months of the year it is important that the Revolving Fund be made up to its full amount. There are pledges that are conditioned on our reaching this limit, and all will be needed before the end of the year.

As the Missionary Society is simply all the Congregational Churches of the state under a legal name, for mutual helpfulness, the Superintendent has construed himself as held, under the direction of the Board, not to administer to a limited number of Churches and men known as Missionary, but as free to be a helper in the name of all to each of the Churches and all their interests and to respond as far as possible to every call. These calls have been of the most diverse character, not alone to establish and adjust pastoral relations, to assist in raising funds or stand by a brother in sorrow; but to things as far apart as to help Euodia and Syntyche to be of one mind in the Lord, to settle titles to property, and to eject a squatter from the Church building. There has been no need to seek opportunities to help, for they have thrust themselves on one up to the full limit of time and strength.

In this ideal of work to be done I have felt at liberty to address various Sunday School gatherings, and in the summer to spend time in giving instruction in summer schools, with participation in other movements in which to any extent the interest of our Churches seemed to me involved.

All the work has seemed worth while. I do not know which has counted more, the time I have spent in the office with brethren who have honored me by letting me share their burdens, or the days on the field with little companies of believers who needed to be heartened, or in the larger Churches whose pastors have asked me to tell of the things that are to be done.

THE GENERAL WORKERS.—*As District Field Superintendent* for the Northern Pacific Conference Region, Dr. Thos. W. Barbour has proved himself both energetic and efficient. In the care of Churches temporarily without pastors, in assisting in making up salaries, and in all help that one can render in the very moment of need if he is on the spot to do it, his service has been of the greatest value. With the conception already given of the proper work of the Society, much of his time and not the least effective part of his work has been among self-supporting Churches who needed counsel and fellowship to keep them so.

Rev. T. W. Howard as *General Missionary* in the Rainy River District has given the year largely to the strengthening of fields that had already been opened with ministries eagerly sought for and greatly prized among the scattered homesteaders of the valley.

Rev. W. J. Conard, so long and helpfully identified with the northern central part of the state, was removed in April to become the joint representative of the *Missionary and Sunday School Societies* in South Western Minnesota, with headquarters at Marshall. The condition of the Churches in the region and the destitution of religious privilege as shown in the findings of the Interdenominational Commission seemed to call for this action, and the first six months have already demonstrated the wisdom of it.

Rev. O. A. Granholm, who works among *Swedes and Finns* in the Messabi region with headquarters at Biwabik, has been successful in organizing several centers where Sunday Schools are maintained, Ladies' Aid Societies formed and regular preaching sustained. His work is under the immediate direction of an Advisory Committee of the Biwabik Church and has its full sympathy and co-operation.

Rev. W. M. Read has been employed in a considerable district *north of Aitkin* through which the new Soo is to pass and in anticipation of a considerable growth in population. His services in a region without any regular religious ministries are testified to by letters of the most appreciative sort received at the office.

The work of these men cannot be told by figures: they furnish no material for the Year Book. But without it a large part of our work would not be done, and much that is done would be fruitless.

A detailed report of the work in the Local Associations follows:

CENTRAL.—When Dr. J. F. Locke, poet, philosopher and judge, healer of the body as well as the soul, good soldier in the army of his country and pioneer in our occupation of much of Todd Co., took on good Old Testament grounds, at least, a furlough, it was a question what could be done with *Round Prairie,* till Rev. H. T. Krousey, who with the work at *Burtrum and Swanville* well in hand, had renewed service at *Pillsbury,* was persuaded by the people to add *Round Prairie.* Special services have been held on the field with the aid of Rev. W. H. North of Little Falls, and with good success and there has been encouraging progress everywhere.

Villard has been supplied during the year by a neighboring Presbyterian pastor, has now the interested fellowship of the pastor at Glenwood, and hopes for some provision for a pastor of its own.

DULUTH.—The *Backus-Hackensack* field, pastorless since the death of Mr. Sheets and doubly orphaned by the removal of Mr. Conard from the region, is cheered by the coming to it of Mr. J. H. Clark who has taken hold vigorously of the wide problem for which his gifts and experience specially fit him. The dedication of the new Church building has marked one step forward, and a parsonage is likely to follow.

Brainerd Peopie's has called a pastor and in spite of the difficulties of the situation looks for a future in the things that are promised for the city.

Biwabik has had a year of growth and is building a parsonage.

Plymouth, West Duluth, has had a hard and troublous year and its future is still in the balance. The hopeful things are the Sunday School possibilities of the section and the fraternal interest of members of Pilgrim Church.

Grand Marais lost its pastor in the early summer, and since then has had special care from the District Field Superintendent.

For the best success of work that covers a whole county and much variety of population it seems necessary to have a man who can use at least two languages. Thus far the search for the man has been vain.

The work at *Walker* whose serious crippling by sectarian invasion has before been noted cannot be said to have recovered itself. It has been maintained, and it is hoped is on the road to recovery.

MANKATO.—*Ceylon* is left unsupplied in exchange for a similar field yielded by the Methodists. *Center Chain* has been supplied from Fairmont. *Ellsworth* was forced to part with Rev. C. J. Gall who had reopened the work at *Kanaranzi.* A supply was found for the summer, Mr. J. A. Darner, whose work was unusually constructive, and who pointed the way to what is hoped to be a new future for the religious work of the town. *Sherburn* has suffered greatly from removals and the weight of its burdens have compelled it to forego a pastor of its own for a part of the year. It is expected soon to be in condition to resume its ordinary work in the realiza-

tion that there is a real and distinct place for it in the community. In the *Mankato Circuit* Mr. G. K. Carter has been secured to occupy the field from which Mr. J. H. Clark has removed and is meeting with much acceptance. At *Mattawan* a Church was organized Sept. 28, which will for the present be included in the Freeborn field.

MINNESOTA VALLEY.—*Belview* has continued its employment of a nearby Presbyterian pastor. *Graceville* has depended upon occasional supplies for the year. *Seaforth* has maintained its Sunday School, but has had no regular preaching. These three places, not near enough to be placed in a field for a weekly service for each, contain each a nucleus of earnest people for whom in the community there is an evident work. We cannot afford to allow such towns as these to be without any representation of the Gospel of Christ in the English tongue. One of the first things planned for in our expected increase of funds is the serving these places by a circuit arrangement, if nothing better can be devised. *Marietta and Nassau* have been acceptably served by Mr. E. W. Benedict, a student of Windom Institute.

MINNEAPOLIS.—*Brownton and Stewart* under the ministry of Rev. T. A. Hawkes have gone thus far in the year without calling on the Society for aid, and it is hoped they have permanently joined the company who have signalized the new era by assuming permanent self-support.

Gaylord, to which Rev. L. F. Scully has come as pastor, is in the same class and is making a noble effort of its own.

Milaca has seen wonders during the year in the enthusiastic leading of its young pastor, R. W. Borst. Old troubles have been removed, the Church building improved, a bell hung in the steeple. There is a new spirit in the Church and a large rehabilitation of it in the eyes of the community. Its attainment of self-support is looked for with the close of the present year.

In *Minneapolis* the *Open Door* Church and *New Brighton* have agreed in the support of a pastor and by small aid from the Society the progress of each is made possible. At no distant day we shall have to face, and it is hoped solve, with the special assistance of the Minneapolis City Union and the new City Movement of the National Society, the great problem and opportunity that are awaiting us in *Northeast Minneapolis.*

At *Hopkins,* Rev. James Earle has prosecuted the work with good success and considerable growth even in the face of business changes and removals. For four months in the year Mr. Earle was used by the Sunday School Society and ourselves jointly to test the possibilities of a new field in the northern part of the city.

Thirty-Eighth St. was one of the noble company to signalize our new missionary era by removing itself from the aided list, and in addition to self-support to pledge itself for its full apportionment.

Minnehaha has been a constant joy, upon his own testimony, to Pastor

E. C. Lyons. The improvements on the building have given opportunity for enlarged work and every department of activity has responded to the opportunity.

The work carried on for several years at *Lynnhurst* has at last come to its own in a beautiful Church building erected by the City Union, a flourishing Sunday School with the proper adjunct Societies, and a Church of over seventy members. Under the pastorate of Dr. J. W. Cool, Lynnhurst goes out into an exceedingly promising future, and to self-support before the end of the year.

At *Morningside,* just over the city limits, a lot has been secured, a small, but good building erected, a Sunday School and congregation gathered and preparations are in hand for the organization of a church.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.—*Akeley* ordained a pastor with much hope, but the breaking down of his health soon ended his ministry. *Bagley,* sometime without a pastor, is happily united on Mr. E. F. Olander. *Bertha* was loath to surrender the services of Rev. W. J. Conard but is finding satisfaction in the residence on the field of Rev. E. E. Lindsley who also supplies at *New York Mills* and *Aldrich.* There is an improved condition in all parts of the field.

The wide field of Rev. Pascal Parks, whose nominal center is at *Shevlin,* is a purely missionary field, and Mr. Parks should either be deemed a *General Missionary* and treated as such, or there should be a division of the field which would make more frequent services and more pastoral work a possibility. The prospective importance of Nymore in this field as a station on the new Soo may perhaps indicate more clearly what is to be done.

Cass Lake rich in its new pastor and new Church has been occupied with the last touches to the latter, and with the pastor's adjustments of the constituency to its new opportunities and obligations. There has been marked progress and the situation is full of hope.

Felton, Ulen and *Lake Park* have been united under the ministry of Rev. W. Rothwell which has just closed.

With the first of May, Rev. H. S. Heghin, whose work at *Fertile* had been exceedingly acceptable and satisfactory, was obliged to return to South Dakota, and since then the Church, though without a Pastor, has well sustained its Sunday School and kept up good courage, while trying the spirits.

Kragness is no longer among the aided Churches having come to self-support as an out-station of Plymouth Church, Fargo.

Mahnomen under the ministry of Rev. Geo. Michael has prepared itself for better work, has applied for aid for a parsonage, and greatly wants a bell.

Mentor, which from its isolation and its very weakness has claims on us, had Rev. E. A. Mirick resident for a part of the year and has since depended upon the pastor at *Fosston and McIntosh,* which are also among the

familiar names that do not appear upon our lists as we open a new volume.

The Churches named with several others of the Association whose names are not given have called for the constant assistance and guardianship of the District Field Superintendent.

ST. PAUL.—At *North Branch* and *Sunrise* the forces have been rallied under Rev. E. Larke, and some lost ground has been regained. Arrangements are pending for the renewal of the work at *Lakeland,* and with this, it is hoped, services at *Marine Mills* and *Square Lake.* In *St. Paul, University Avenue,* has gone forward in its great enterprise of making its house of worship really its own under the inspiration of its pastor, Rev. O. C. Clark. Congregations have increased, the Sunday School and all activities of the Church enthusiastically sustained, the application for aid reduced and more than the apportionment paid for work in the state.

With August first Rev. Wm. M. Loos closed his work at *Forest St.,* the care of which with that of *Hazel Park* has passed to Rev. A. D. Smith. Bell Chapel work has been recognized by Council as *Bell Congregational Church* and there is encouraging and hopeful progress in the construction of a Church from the bottom up.

SOUTHEASTERN.—*Rose Creek* and *Taopi* have retained the faithful ministry of Rev. J. B. Thompson and have manifested more than usual signs of hopefulness. *Waterville* has had peace and unity as is its habit, but has also enjoyed the beginning of the fruitage of the ministry of Rev. H. E. Chapman in growth and in a new appreciation of the value of the Church in the community.

Winona Second has ended, at least in this incarnation, its troubled existence. The First Church, which was the owner of the building, and by which its services were largely supported, will, it is expected, make whatever provision is necessary to supply any real religious needs of that portion of the city.

WESTERN.—The only field in Western Conference asking aid is *Garvin* and *Custer* where R. E. Roberts has had a prosperous year. There are, however, seven other places where self-support is maintained at the cost of large circuits and long drives. The services of General Missionary Conard were found to be very much needed here and have proved themselves most useful.

CO-OPERATING BODIES.

As in former years, and even in more generous measure the *Woman's Home Missionary Union* has loyally stood by us and shared our satisfaction and endeavor in entering on our career of self-support.

The *Sunday School Society* has cared for work of its planting that might readily have been made a charge upon our resources and has shared the support of the General Missionary in the Southwest.

The *Minneapolis City Union* by its generous provision for new buildings and enlargements has made some work possible and other work less burdensome in its demands.

The *Brotherhood Movement* has plainly come among us for this very time. In a number of churches they have placed themselves under the Apportionment Plan and have been of very great assistance in carrying it out. Our State Work waits to acknowledge a larger debt to them for helping in forwarding what without any doubt is a "man's job."

Most valuable assistance has been rendered during the year by the publication of *Congregational Minnesota* which has brought to its readers monthly information about the progress of our State Work. Mr. T. H. Colwell has furnished the paper at his own financial risk, so that the saving in expense to our Society in printing has been a considerable item. The paper should go into every Congregational home. If you do not read *Congregational Minnesota* you do not get the news.

AS TO THE FUTURE.

The enlargement of our work and its efficiency will keep exact pace with the willingness of the Churches to put funds in the hands of the Directors.

If the Churches will regard the *Apportionment,* not as a counsel of perfection, but as expressing the fair share of each in the amount that should be placed in the hands of the Directors this year, and each Church will make an honest effort to raise this fair share, we shall have enough for all proper demands that are made upon us. As far as you come short of furnishing that amount so far will your Society come short of doing all that it may rightly and properly do. It is the settled purpose of the Board to keep inside the income you provide, and it will not, if human care can prevent it, come to you with any appeal to pay a debt.

The things to be done as rapidly as the funds are provided are:

To divide four fields that are already too large for the strength of one man or for the greatest efficiency;

To extend to the Central, Southern and Western sections of the state the *District Field Superintendency* which is proving so effective in the northern central portion;

To open work in at least six promising fields that are now pressing on our attention;

To increase our purely missionary work by the service of at least two additional General Missionaries;

To make at least a beginning at the Slavic work which is waiting for us in the central part of the state and in the Cities;

To increase to at least ten per cent of current receipts our contribution to the *National Congregational Home Missionary Society.*

I find renewed occasion to express my appreciation of the personal courtesy and kindness of my brethren, the great honor so many of them have done me in allowing me to share with them both their burdens and their joys, and the prompt and hearty response that has come from them and from the Churches to every request and suggestion, as well as for the pulpits that have been opened to me, without any request of mine, and beyond my ability to make use of them, to present the Apportionment Plan and tell of our Twentieth Century Opportunity in all Minnesota.

I want Pastors and Churches to realize that I am the willing servant of all of them for these things and for any sort of help that I can render. Only, as usually dates are spoken for from one to two months in advance, it is desired, for Sunday Services especially, that the opportunity shall be offered at least that much in advance.

I have reserved to the last the thing I care most to say.

The Congregational Way is above all else a method of the Spirit. It is not possible that a Congregational Church shall flourish and achieve success unless its members are spiritual people, to whom a personal relation to a present living Lord whose will they are endeavoring to do and get done, is a real thing.

I plead for the exaltation in all the Churches and by all our Ministry of this our distinguishing positive testimony, that a Congregational Church is not a Church which does as it pleases, but as the Lord Jesus Christ pleases; and that it expects to know his will in order to do it, not from Books of Discipline or the pronouncements of men, but by the revelation of the Holy Spirit revealing Christ to every company of even two or three gathered in His Name.

The year past for our common work in the state has been of necessity largely occupied with things outward, with provisions and preparations. Let us in the coming year put new emphasis on the place where is the hiding of power for us men, the power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit who is with us to reveal the Lord Jesus and His will.

MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY.

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Congregational Churches, held in Owatonna, September 20-22, 1898, a committee was appointed for the preservation of historical materials relating to these Churches. At the next ensuing meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Club, October 10, in accordance with a memorial presented by this committee of the Association inviting the Club to co-operate in this work, the undersigned were appointed as an auxiliary committee to secure and preserve historical papers and publications relating to the founding and growth of Congregationalism in this state.

The committee of the Congregational Club therefore ask each Pastor who has labored in our Church work in Minnesota to prepare and forward to them a biographic sketch (including time and place of birth, parentage, personal family records, early education, time and reason of choice of ministry, etc.) and a narration of the share which he has borne in pastoral work in this state and elsewhere. It is hoped that these papers will be written with quite full details of dates and names, including reference to associated Christian workers of our own and other denominations, so as to make in each case a manuscript of 20 to 50 pages or more.

Pastors and officers of Churches are also asked to send brief statements of the date of organization, list of original members, and chief events in the subsequent history of their several Churches, and, if convenient, photographs of Pastors and of Church buildings. It is especially desired to obtain these concise historical notes from each Church in writing, supplementary to any printed lists of membership, proceedings in celebration of anniversaries, historical sermons, etc., which may have been published and which are also solicited.

These biographical and historical papers, arranged in alphabetical order, with accompanying portraits and other illustrations, will be placed in the fireproof vault of the Minnesota Historical Society, in the State Capitol building, St. Paul, and will be available for convenient reference at any time. Ultimately, when a large and nearly or quite complete collection of such manuscripts shall have been made, it is hoped that some Pastor or Layman will use them for the compilation of a comprehensive history of this part of the development of Minnesota.

The surviving pioneers of Congregationalism in this state are now venerable men and women, and it is earnestly desired that these historical records may be early and carefully gathered through their aid and forwarded, for such collective preservation, from each of our Congregational Churches.

WARREN UPHAM, St. Paul,
Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society
OSMYN B. KING, Minneapolis.
HARRY B. HENDLEY, Minneapolis.
ARTHUR H. PEARSON, Carleton College, Northfield.
WILLIAM CHENEY, Minneapolis.
History Committee of the Minnesota Congregational Club.

NOVEMBER 1, 1898.

This collection of materials for a HISTORY OF CONGREGATIONALISM IN MINNESOTA has been continued, and I believe it will yet bear fruit.

W. U.

COMMITTEE FOR PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER, that our Library treasures all publications, as reports and miscellaneous pamphlets, received from the Churches throughout the state, receiving thus much matter of local historical value, besides the minutes of the General Association of Minnesota, our Congregational Year Books, etc. Any manuscript narratives giving historical sketches of the founding and development of the Churches will be very gladly received and preserved. All this is being done in the hope and expectation that within a few years your Chairman and others may be able to edit these materials, supplementing them by much careful collection of data for each of our 220 Churches in Minnesota, to be published as a volume similar in size with the History of Carleton College, which was published six years ago.

Very truly yours,
WARREN UPHAM,
Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK FROM NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Recognizing with gratitude to God and men the faithful and efficient work done in the past for Home Missions in northern Minnesota, by superintendents, missionaries, pastors and laymen, we believe the day has now come when the best interests of Congregationalism and the progress of the Kingdom of God through us demand a forward step, in the direction of more intelligent, systematic and comprehensive plans of Home Missionary Supervision, conducted more largely by those in authority residing upon the field and acquainted and in close touch with its needs and opportunities, if we would maintain our healthy life and growth as a denomination, and do our reasonable work as co-workers with God and Jesus Christ, His Son.

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We believe the day is not far distant when economical and efficient home missionary supervision will be found to demand the division of Minnesota into two or more districts, as has already been done by some of our sister denominations.

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We recommend to the Churches of this state a careful consideration of this matter, and we recommend the appointment by this body of a standing committee, fairly representative of the Northern Pacific, Duluth and Central Conferences, who shall in their discretion canvass this matter in the Churches of Minnesota in the three local Conferences above named, and in any special meetings that may be called for said purpose, and who shall be and hereby are directed to formulate and report to this Association at its next annual meeting, a better plan of administration in home missionary supervision for northern Minnesota.

A. A. MILLER,
GEO. E. PERLEY,
A. A. SECORD,
W. H. NORTH,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' SALARIES AND COST OF LIVING.

By direction of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society, Rev. Edgar L. Heermance made and submitted the results of a study of salaries received by Congregational Pastors in this state. His report, which lies before me, is based upon the responses he received from sets of tabulated inquiries by him sent to 136 Pastors, from 97 of whom more or less full responses were received. At our Conference of last October that report was referred to a committee for further consideration and report. By reason of facts not requiring further statement it seems to have fallen upon myself to perform that duty. It is with regret that in attempting such performance there is to be now submitted no more than such tentative conclusions of fact as the judgment of one only of that committee can suggest. In forming them attention has mainly centered upon the material so gathered by Rev. Mr. Heermance, although some other material has been considered.

These 97 answers to Mr. Heermance's inquiries cover much and varied matter, including the total compensation received by each, the necessary cost of living in the several localities, what each has been able to do with the sum received, his greater unsupplied needs and his careful estimate of the sum which, conservatively estimated, is deemed to be an adequate salary.

In tabulating these replies under many possible aspects, Mr. Heermance concludes that of the four latitudinal divisions he makes of the state, there is no large variation, so that, territorially, the state may be taken as a whole.

His division respecting population merits consideration. That is: (a) Churches in communities or country places up to a population of 300; (b) those of from 301 to 1,000, villages; (c) Towns of from 1,001 to 2,000 and, (d) cities of from 2,001 to 25,000. The necessary cost of living is placed in two classes, (1) for single men, (2) for those with families. Since his entire report is on file and of ready access no more than a bare outline is here attempted. The general result, as so shown, is that in such country Churches the average salary of the Pastor is $150.00 less than the cost of living, while in the villages, towns and smaller cities it is $200.00 less. This does not mean that such is the fact in each Church, but that such is the average condition. It follows that the deficiency in the salaries which do fall below actual cost of living are still more inadequate. Also in all fields of less than 2,000 less than eighty per cent of the Pastors are financially able to buy books, less than one-half can lay by in store for old age or the rainy day, while very many Pastors are unable to attend any of our state or district conventions or otherwise keep in any touch with their ministerial brethren or the other Churches. These 97 responses were received a year or more ago and the cost of living, in the main, has increased since. It is common knowledge that this cost has very largely increased during the past two decades or more, while the salaries of our Pastors, as well as of others, has remained largely stationary; it is thought needless

to go further here. But the clear results so shown by the actual experiences of our Pastors as so stated by them should perhaps receive particular attention. So far as these Pastors with inadequate salaries and their worthy wives are concerned no doubt more specific statements here would serve only to increase the anguish already theirs; but that we laymen may realize this truth more may be needed. The call to the members of these Churches and societies is imperative. It is not merely, or mainly, that our employees, these Pastors, are materially underpaid, but that they are thereby made incapable of doing the necessary work of their Churches. If these Churches are to live and perform their duties, prove equal to the demand upon them, that work cannot continue to be so slighted. It is not alone to us Congregationalists that this imperative has come; it is now confronting, in its mandatory requirement, all our Protestant Churches and they are now striving to heed the call. Not less compelling is the voice of the Spirit today to the Churches than when, near two milleniums ago, it found voice through the prophet on the isle of Patmos. Nor is this call any the less that of the Spirit because it relates to a matter at base material. In this practical age results, alone in the main, tell. Economic law is now realized to be no less from God than spiritual law. Living faith can not be nurtured, in its fruit bearing, on starvation fare nor by deprivation of that ailment which comes through actual connection with the present living touch of men of spiritual might through their words, spoken or written. We men of the pews are demanding from our Pastors actual results through a living acquaintance with the present activities in thought and action; we intimate to them that men are surest led into our Churches by wise challenge to their desire, active or latent, to perform worthily, to accomplish what is most worth while; to do, to dare, to suffer if need be for a noble end one that will endure. We are saying that as upon other professions, the demand of today upon our Churches and Pastors is in a material part at least for practical results in our communities no less than in the several Churches themselves. That the day has passed wherein the lawyer, the physician can look only for a large clientele or for patrons of wealth and standing. As wisdom is justified of her children so, and glad is the message, success will come and remain only to him who worthily merits. That Pastor who seeks chiefly a large Church membership misses his calling. But this, our call to the Pastor, really first falls upon ourselves, for an initial fault is our own. If it were once true "like priest like people," it is now more nearly true "like support so will be success." The chronic condition of half-empty pews, especially at evening service, is become a nightmare to the Pastor. His cry of despair, most often smothered, now and then bursts its bonds and breaks out, to the astonishment of the hearer. Called of God as he is, he is drawn to see that he can stand up and fulfil his mission best in realizing that he must work under, and in some part with, the same social laws as do his co-workers in other lines of human betterment. Character building is his ultimate, as it is theirs—and he can succeed best when free

to devote his unsapped moral and spiritual energy to the slow but mighty uplift at the side of that cross which makes against heartless deprivation of means to meet human need as well as points the road to the service which alone leads to the shining gates. We Church members must not, and do not, shut our eyes to the fact that no Pastor can alone make his Church a success. We rightfully do look to him to lead. But too often we tie his hands and mock his faith by the old cry: "Go up, thou baldhead." How shall we complain if there come forth bears of economic justice to tear us, instead of the coming of chariots of fire to the prophet to enable him to perform our mockery of command?

But it is not true that we men of the pews are sinners past hope. True, we have been slow fully to realize that spiritual attainment has, and must have a physical soil out of which its roots may derive necessary aliment, and that unless furnished with requisite material support, in money or its equivalent, our clergy must fail in a degree larger than we know. Has there not been a reason for our lack of prescience in this matter? Have we not been taught in sermon and the religious press that all spiritual power comes solely from above and that it exists and operates literally apart from earthly force and means? Had we known that our Pastors cannot successfully "make bricks without straw," even though they labor under taskmasters, would we not have proven less delinquent or laggard in furnishing the straw? So long as our foreign missionary movement in its appeals for support followed the former isolated method, though accomplishing much, it did not arouse the laity to that freedom of giving which is now becoming general. When the appeal for such funds came based on a broader appreciation we of the pews met the call with at least a worthy response. Is it a mistake to infer that with the now broadening activity in our Church effort to meet and satisfy existing social and community needs, to better living conditions, to free human living from these demon's dragnets from which many are otherwise incapable of escape, funds therefore necessary will be more freely forthcoming? How otherwise can the lure of multiplying opportunities for the increase of material wealth and of the power which money gives be adequately guarded against and those broadening avenues to financial competence be directed toward that life which perishes not? We doubt not but that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is fitted to meet the need and overcome the sins of every age. But the ages change and with them change also the activities of men. Command over those boundless forces and latent energies we call natural has advanced and must continue to increase beyond measurement. Man is fast becoming, in patent fact, the lord of both land and sea—even "the immeasurable air" is fast yielding loyal homage to his scepter. We are come to realize the prescience of the psalmist when he said: "Thou hast put all things under his feet."

What message, then, to these men of power and dominion, from the pulpit? Shall that message be attuned solely to other ears than theirs?

Shall it be less broad or deep than that dominion which is fast vesting in these men of might? The human enterprise of today is outstepping both land and sea, it is also delving into the depths. Nothing is too minute for its care or use. The bread of life you ministers are set to feed to these men is ample for all their need; do not in breaking that bread give forth only the fragments that served in an age that is past. In the parable of feeding the mutitude the disciples gathered up from what remained more than all that was then consumed—fit figure of that measureless truth that is to satisfy the requirements of coming ages.

We men of the pews cannot here stand unmoved. In expecting this fullness of shepherding we cannot blink our share of the responsibility. Without means to procure books, attend lectures and addresses, be present at conventions, possessing no open sesame to a touch of those forces which are now coming in to shape the thoughts, the ideals and the acts of men how can the Pastor adequately minister to his Church, his community? How establish himself or his work in the hearts of his people or give effective aid in directing their energies and activities in that path of service which alone leads to the life which endures? How guide away from the pitfalls—open or concealed—of selfishness, of transgression and degeneracy? How can we say to our country or village Pastors: "Feed your flocks, lead them into green fields and by living waters" so long as we furnish them grudgingly, so long as we offer them no more than scanty means of bare subsistence? Shall we say to them: "Presume not to enter the family relation or else, having children, be submissive to their immolation upon the altar of ignorance and lack of opportunity?" Shall we allow our desire to possess a growing bank account to thrust the dollar so close to our eye as to shut out, with the need of our Pastors, the most real benefit such bank account can give to us and our families? Is it not plain that we can now more easily pay the additional two hundred dollars required to make his salary in some degree adequate, than it formerly was to raise what was then paid? When we pray or sing for "showers of blessing" we should remember that the waters must go up from the seas and the streams—from our own savings and earnings—before they can return to water the earth, in our Churches and communities. Possessing the ability to do, it is in vain that we pray if we *do* not—a mere waste of breath—for there is not even true emotion in such so-called prayer.

Those statistics gathered by Rev. Heermance, alike with those obtained in other Protestant Churches, show not alone that the average salaries of Pastors in country and village fields is insufficient, but that the same facts exist in a large number of city fields. While the pathos in such cases may be less the real need is, perhaps, even greater. Demands requiring expenditure of money are more frequent and more insistent. Failure consequent upon inability to meet such demands not infrequently saps the very life force of the Pastor and of his Church, and, it is thought, invariably lessens effectiveness.

It is futile to say that the Church, with its saving work, is the Lord's and that He will care for it in His own way. Jesus's warning message of the barren fig tree and of the vineyard which gave no fruit should be enough. He did lay the foundation for His Kingdom of Heaven on earth deep and firm—but our Churches are what we men make them, no less, little more. He tells us "that his word shall not return unto him void," but that it, forming the cap stone of His temple, if it fall upon any worshipper, shall grind him into powder—his work or his Church shall utterly perish. If we be His true followers we are called, collectively as well as individually, to take up His mantle of service with both hands—the hand of our possessions as well as that of our devotions. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Service: Character—The means, The end. Of what use a crown unearned? Do we comprehend His words to that servant who doubted the talents committed to his care—"Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord?" A joy consequent upon service—upon self-sacrifice and self-giving of all effort and all powers to the upbuilding of His Kingdom which alone can endure evermore. This ultimate blessing He gives only to those "Who have washed their garments and made them white in the blood of the Lamb"—a blood freely poured out for the uplift of men. When the messengers from John the Baptist came to Jesus inquiring whether he were the Messiah the climax of His answer was "To the poor the gospel is preached." Today that test remains final. If that assurance, in letter and spirit, cannot be given to the query—"What of our Churches" can they remain save as so far failures? This gospel of newness of life—of better conditions of living, of an open door to purity, integrity and spirituality of life to even the poorest in country or village: is it not our business to see that such gospel is not hidden under the bushel of our own self-seeking nor impeded by our inefficiency. To us, men of the Churches, comes this call of the Spirit; what shall our response be?

Specifically, what? Without co-operation, little. The problem is not only state-wide, but denomination-wide. In some places there are too many Churches, in some none or too few. Co-operation should extend to embrace not alone all our Congregational Churches but through them, in a different manner, to the general body of each Protestant denomination generally operating in the state. But, immediately, our problem here respects our own Churches only. This duty of adequacy in equipment rests on our Churches as a body rather than on the individual Church separately. It can be fully met only when moral force unites with material effort.

Method? No new machinery is called for. We now have our Men's Clubs, our Association Fellowship Committees and our state-wide organizations. While we Congregationalists recognize no other ruler and acknowledge no dictator other than our Lord yet, I think, we must acknowledge a lack of that solidarity of activity of effort, both in spirit and in method, which would give us as a body more power and bring larger results. Here

is presented to us, as a body of Church workers, an opportunity toward solidarity which should not be underrated or neglected. Let the Fellowship Committee of each Association, working in harmony with our state-wide bodies, canvass the situation, bring this effort to each Church and unify, rather than distinctly organize, the effort for adequate supplies in their several Churches. Then the general state Church bodies can both aid and extend the movement, as it were articulating it as, in a real sense, one body.

In this the several Men's Clubs, in those fortunate Churches which have them, can consult with those Churches where salaries of doubtful sufficiency are raised. Probably in some such, that Church working alone cannot succeed. To such these clubs can extend needed aid, mainly and best in the way of personal fellowship, touch, thus extending the moral power of such Church to reach some not members and induce them to give financial aid at least in the community work of the Church. In isolated cases direct financial aid, given largely to stimulate local effort, may be needed. In both these the Men's Club will find a field for its activity, which, wisely tilled, will yield blessings manifold, not only implanting new life to the aided Church but adding vigor to the club itself and horizon to its own Church. So working with the Fellowship Committee, the result will also be a fruitful co-ordination of all the Churches in each Association, thence throughout all our Churches within the state; then, through the several fit bodies of the various denominations, make toward a solidarity of effort and effect in all. How can we expect the Kingdom of Heaven on earth which Christ set up, to prevail throughout the world without this Christian solidarity in life and effort? Do not our own Churches need this even pre-eminently?

Today is ours, tomorrow is not. Shall we *now* use its opportunities?

J. A. SAWYER.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR.		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 15.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D.; Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.; 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Oehler	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.; 14.
51	06	Minneapolis	Dean W. S. Pattee	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LLD., Luke 12: 15.
52	07	New Ulm	Rev. Willis A. Warren	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault	Walter N. Carroll	Rev. Alexander Milne. Hebs. 12: 27.
54	09	Minneapolis	Rev. R. P. Herrick, D. D.	Rev. Harry P. Dewey, D. D. John 1: 14-16.
55	10	Crookston	Pres. Chas. W. Cooper	Rev. Clement G. Clarke, D. D., Luke 8:12.

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" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901—1910.
" Rev. M. B. Morris.....1910—

ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

1. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Cable, June 20, 1911.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. F. W. Oehler, Sauk Center; Rev. D. G. Moore, Glenwood, and George L. Treat, Alexandria.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	211	Dea. Geo. L. Treat	Alfred A. Secord.
Big Lake	89	Albert J. Johnson	Alonzo G. Washington.
Burtrum	14	Mrs J. M. Ward	H. T. Krausey.
Cable	35	Mrs. M. Scherfenberg	Rufus P. Upton.
Clarissa	12	Mrs. L. D. Thayer	
Clearwater	68	Mrs. M. A. Murray	Paul Winter.
Culdrum, (Swedish)	30	J. A. Rylander	
Glenwood	126	Fred Calmyer	David G. Moore.
Hasty, Clearwater	20	Mrs. Sarah Sheldon	Paul Winter.
Little Falls	207	Mrs. O. C. Trace	Walter H. North.
Little Falls, (Swedish)	14	Gustaf Roeene	
Monticello	108	Mrs. O. M. Swenson	Henry Holmes.
Orrock	4	Miss Grace Craig	
Paynesville	64	Frank Brown	
Pillsbury			H. T. Krausey.
Round Prairie	61	Howard F. Kopp	James F. Locke.
St. Cloud	86	Louis Olson	Ernest V. Bjorkland.
Sauk Center	182	James A. Norris	Frederick H. Oehler.
Sauk Rapids	63	James Brown	Rufus P. Upton.
Swanville	10	Mrs. Belle Flood	H. T. Krausey.
Upsala	108	Gust Nelson	M. N. Wickholm.
Villard	73	Daniel W. Shear	(Geo. H. Mack, Pres.)
Wendel Brook	26		S. Arquist, Rose Creek.

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II. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING:

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Rev. H. R. Harris, Christian Bruyn.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitken	66	A. L. Hamilton	
Backus	27	Mrs. A. L. Miller	
Biwabic	26	Dr. Chas. W. Bray	Harry R. Harris.
Brainerd, First	123	Christian Bruyn	John A. Caskey.
Brainerd, Peoples	48	Mr. E. H. Green	(J. H. Barkey, Lic.)
Duluth, Pilgrim	430	Edmund G. Chapman	Alexander Milne.
Duluth, West, Plymouth	64	Roger M. Weaver	
Grand Marais	16	James G. Scott	(W. J. Horner, Lic.)
Hackensack	18	Wm. E. Bodenhofer	
Hill City	13	Mrs. W. B. Thurlby	
Walker	18		Avery G. Parks.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE: Jeremiah Kimball, Alexander Milne, George Michael, E. G. Mirick, Henry M. Pinkerton, James L. Jones, Harry R. Harris, John A. Caskey, Oscar Arvid Granholm, Lic., for two years.

III. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mankato, May 11th, 1911.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER: Rev. L. L. Sowles, D. D., Worthington.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Mankato; Geo. A. Sutherland, Fairmont; Thomas Hughes, Mankato; Rev. L. L. Sowles, Mankato.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade	88	Mrs. Frank Jefferson	Joseph F. Bacon, (aa)
Center Chain	18	Miss Myra L. Shipman	Edward Constant, (bb)
Ceylon	31	Mrs. Henry Christensen	
Edgerton	86	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	(James H. Mahaffey, Lic.)
Ellsworth	20	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	
Elmore	170	Clarence O'Hara	
Fairmont	175	Mrs. A. Hyatt Smith	Edward Conant, (bb)
Freeborn	73	Mrs. Abbey Olson	James L. Jones, (ee)
Freedom	20	George Gary	(Geo. J. Carter, Lic.) (dd)
Granada	44	W. H. Gaugh	John Hewitson.
Kasota	39	Andrew Dahlgren	
Mankato, First	182	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	Edgar L. Heermance.
Mankato, Second	69	Richard Sandell	
Mapleton	112	Louis W. Kruger	W. J. Moore, M. E.
Mattewan	13	Mrs. Ed. Wells, (ee)	
New Richland	33	Mrs. C. A. Wagner	James L. Jones.
Salem' New Ulm, R. F. D.-5	65	Evan L. Harris	
Sherburn	71	William F. Brundage	
Waseca	101	Casper B. Wood	Edwin Ewell.
Worthington	141	Dr. George O. Moore	Langdon L. Sowles.

(aa) Mankato, P. O. (bb) Fairmont, P. O. (cc) New Richland, P. O.
(dd) St. Clair, P. O. (ee) Wells, R. F. D.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: C. J. Gall, Wilbur Fiske, Edgar L. Heermance, Charles L. Hill, R. Jobnson Thomas, Brooks A. Warren.

IV. MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING, Minneapolis, May 2, 1911, Forest Heights.

REGISTRAR: C. J. Swain, Excelsior.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: E. S. Slater, H. K. Painter, S. B. Nelson, C. D. Decker, C. J. Swain.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	157	Edward L. Curial	Matt Evans.
Brownton	54	Mrs. John S. West	T. A. Hawkes.
Elk River	178	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	Frank Atkinson.
Excelsior	158	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Carl J. Swain.
Fair Oaks, Anoka R. F. D.-4	12	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	
Gaylord	41	Miss Lydia A. Strebel	Francis M. Scully.
Glencoe	158	L. W. Gilbert	F. L. V. Meske.
Groveland	9	Mrs. Ida C. Waters (a)	
Hutchinson	161	Henry D. Boorman	C. L. Hill.
Milaca	26	Mrs. Geo. F. Short	(W. A. Borst, Lic.)
Minnewahta	49		C. J. Swain.
Minneapolis—First	610	H. E. Blackburn	Clement G. Clarke.
" Plymouth	917	Seavey M. Bailey	Harry P. Dewey.
" Park Avenue	612	G. W. Teitsworth	S. Banks Nelson.
" Pilgrim	603	E. C. Scarborough	J. P. Miller.
" Vine	132	Edwin Lobdel	
" Como Avenue	156	Miss Grace Kamrar	Hobart K. Painter.
" Union, St. Louis Park	66	Mrs. Joseph Hamilton	Rowland S. Cross.
" Open Door	137	William A. Martin	William A. Gerrie.
" Lyndale	608	Benjamin F. Coffin	Howard Murray Jones.
" Fremont Avenue	278	Joseph A. Bacheller	
" Fifth Avenue	449	Albert M. Burch	
" Mizpah, Hopkins	52	Mrs. Belle F. Gone	James Earl.
" Bethany	123	William M. Tuthill	William E. Meinzer.
" Robbinsdale	91	Henry A. Morse	James E. Ball.
" Lowry Hill	390	Adelbert H. Taylor	William L. Tenny.
" Lyndhurst	78	William C. Holbrook	J. W. Cool.
" Oak Park	146	William J. Steinmetz	John W. Davies.
" Forest Heights	173	Miss C. Monica Ralph	Stanley M. Humby.
" Temple, Swedish	371	Alex. Lofgren	Alfred P. Engstrom.
" Thirty-Eighth St.	115	W. D. Fanning	Andrew W. Ross.
" Edina	31	Mrs. Jennie Cooper (b)	
" Linden Hills	287	J. Frank Campbell	William H. Medlar.
" Minnehaha	34	Wm. Sherman Read	Eli C. Lyons.
New Brighton	25	Mrs. T. M. Searles	Alexander D. Smith.
Princeton	107	Mrs. Phoebe Borden	James O. Fisher.
Sandstone	20	August Walden	
Silver Lake	94	Joseph V. Uherka	Edmund Wibitzky.
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	48	A. Dunder (d)	H. Martin Olson (c).
Stewart	21	P. H. Kraemer	T. A. Hawkes.
Wayzata	76	Fred Rome	Wilbur N. Payne.

(a) Hopkins (b) Hopkins R. F. D. (c) Cambridge R. F. D.-3 (d) Isanti R. F. D.-2.

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* Removed by Death: Rev. Thomas Kent and Samuel J. Rogers.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Dawson, June 13, 1911.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, Benson; F. C. Robins, Benson; A. G. Young; Campbell.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Appleton	68	Mrs. Bernard Johnson	Rev. L. S. Arnold.
Belview	24	Mrs. Ina Adsit	
Benson	100	Mrs. W. A. Foland	Squire Heath.
Campbell	65	Mrs. C. C. Meachler	Arthur G. Young.
Correll	35	Mrs. Jessie Hudson	
Dawson	136	John W. Dale	
Graceville	15	Mrs. C. S. Pierce	Supplied.
Granite Falls	30	Miss Carrie D. Barnes	Ward Pinkney.
Hancock	88	Osmer J. Hill	R. C. Jenkins.
Madison	98	Sever T. Nordgarden	
Marietta	57	Mrs. A. C. Miller	
Montevideo	128	Andrew M. Parks	Rev. Walter Swann.
Morris	116	D. T. Wheaton	A. R. Larson.
Nassau	20	Mrs. H. S. Bragg	
Ortonville	90	Ralph Burton	Frank N. Singiser.
Seaforth	7	D. A. Patchin	
Tintah	29	Mrs. Winnie E. Putnam	Arthur G. Young.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION: Kimball K. Clark, Arthur Davies, S. Heath, N. E. Hannant, J. P. Keeling, F. L. V. Meske, Arthur G. Young and John Peters.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Cass Lake, May 9, 1911.

REGISTER: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston; Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Wadena: Francis Wrigley.

CHURCHES	No. MEMB.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Ada	62	Fred L. Hampson	Henry Symons.
Akeley	38	Mrs. A. Davis	
Aldrich	27	Mrs. Hattie Ham a)	E. E. Lindsley.
Audubon			
Argyle	41	B. S. Buckingham	A. M. Asadoorian.
Bagley	87	L. I. Robinson	E. T. Olander, Lic.
Barnesville	97	Walter A. Lindquist	
Beard (b)	27	Mrs. Emma Haney	(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Bertha	16	Dea. H. O. Legro	Supplied.
Cass Lake	41	L. M. Lange	L. F. MacDonald.
Crookston	88	H. L. Marsh	Charles C. Warner.
Detroit	116	Miss Bessie L. Turber	Royal J. Montgomery.
Felton	6	Mrs. O. Jones	(Walter Rothwell, Lic.)
Fergus Falls	142	Prof. R. B. MacLean	Horace L. Wiley.
Fertile	24	G. J. DeMars	S. S. Heglim.
Fontenca, Schoolcraft	11		(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Fosston		O. A. Brayes	S. M. Rees.
Glyndon	50	Mrs. W. E. Tate	
Hawley	71	Dea. Adna Colburn	Francis Wrigley.
Kragness	28	G. K. Gunderson (c)	W. H. Gimlet, Fargo, N. D.
Lake Park	27	Miss Ellen Smith	(Walter Rothwell, Lic.)
Maple Bay	7	Mrs. L. A. Hunter	
Mahnomin	10	Mrs. Henry Birkett	George Michael.
McIntosh	9	Mrs. N. Yetterberg	S. M. Rees.
Mentor	8	Mrs. Martha Snediker	
Moorhead	114	Mrs. Fred Stalley	
New York Mills	17	Mrs. Cora Lisk	Edwin E. Lindsley.
Nymore	2	Mrs. Dan Biladeau	(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Pelican Rapids	67	Mrs. J. Lightbody	A. C. Woodcock.
Shevlin	6	Mrs. C. J. Lewis	(Pascal Parks, Lic.)
Staples	111	Mrs. Nellie O. Starkey	
Turtle River	2	Cassius M. Booth	
Ulen	16	Mrs. C. S. Lofgren	(Walter Rothwell, Lic.)
Wadena	164	James Robb	William A. Bockoven.

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MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Lewis D. Arnold, Richard H. Battey, Thomas W. Barbour, William A. Bockoven, Herman P. Fisher, Lewis C. Frost, William Griffith, John T. Killen, Royal J. Montgomery, E. E. Lindsley, John W. Todd, Charles C. Warner, Francis Wrigley, A. C. Woodcock, Henry Symons, H. S. Wiley, T. F. Paxton, L. F. MacDonald, W. F. Trussell.

VII. ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Lake City, May 16, 1911.

REGISTRAR: Rev. N. P. Olmsted, 896 Clark St., University Ave., St. Paul.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE, MODERATOR, REGISTRAR: C. J. Hunt, W. B. Clow, Rev. Everett Lesher.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Cannon Falls	112	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford	Corwin Vincent.
Cannon Falls, Swedish	35	Gust Wolander	(F. G. Haggquist, Sw. Cov't.)
Cottage Grove	82	John P. Furber	
Faribault	496	Prof. J. J. Dow	John H. Albert.
Lake City—First	227	Mrs. Charles E. Dutcher	
" " Second	47	E. S. Anderson	J. M. Peterson.
Lakeland	8	Miss Anna Rockstroh	
Marine Mills	8	Percy Empson	
North Branch	22	Thomas J. Horton	Edmund Larke.
Northfield	622	Miss Francis J. Bishop	Edwin B. Dean.
St. Paul—Plymouth	244	Warren Upham	Clement C. Campbell.
" Pacific	224	Roy B. Million	Nirum P. Olmsted.
" Atlantic	125	Herbert D. Chapman	W. J. Robb.
" Park	287	Howard L. Collins	Parley P. Womer.
" St. Anthony Park	226	Henry L. Hunter	Geo. W. Davis.
" Bell Church			Homer W. Borst.
" Bethany	101	Edward Hyde	
" Olivet, Merriam Park	178	W. R. Nicoll	Everett Lesher.
" South Park	64	Miss Thirza Greiner	Maurice B. Morris.
" Peoples	549	L. A. Straight	Samuel G. Smith. ‡
" University Ave.	57	Miss Stella C. Winge	Orville C. Clark.
" Hazel Park			Alexander D. Smith.
" St. Paul	64	August Luedeman	James P. Holden.
" Cyril	36	Miss Mary Strnad	Charles J. Trcka.
" Forest St	21	Mrs. B. Schmidt	
Stillwater	127		
Sunrise			
Wabasha	143	Dr. C. H. Robinson	

‡ Assistant Pastor, Charles H. Curtis.

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VIII. SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Charles, May 10, 1911.

REGISTRAR: Rev. H. E. Chapman, Waterville.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. F. E. Knopf, J. A. Sawyer, Rev. John Hayes Burnett, G. W. Kenyon, Rev. Victor L. Greenwood, John Rohrer.

CHURCHES	No. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Austin	438	C. F. Woodle	Frank E. Knopf.
Claremont Street	20	Mrs. Sophia S. Dodge	Colon Bain.
Dexter	29	Miss Jennie Schurman	
Dodge Center	107	Miss Anna E. Stockman	Colon Bain.
Grand Meadow	40	E. J. Brackhurst	John Hughes.
Lyle	73	William Nordland	Walter G. Carlson.
Mantorville	158	Mrs. Geo. M. Parker	As A. Wood.
Maxeppa	28	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	
Medford	92	Daniel A. McKinley	Frederick W. Winiger.
Morristown	42	Lewis M. Hollister	H. E. Chapman.
Owatonna	286	Mrs. Nellie Nelson	Alfred E. Gregory.
Plainview	120	Bernhart E. Rohweder	Henry C. Todd.
Rochester	288	J. W. Soule	Victor L. Greenwood.
Rose Creek	21	Ferdinand G. Ray	James B. Thompson.
Spring Valley	227	Dea. W. L. Kellogg	Alexander E. Cutler.
St. Charles	101	Albert F. Kuebler	Frederick O. Sacken.
Stewartville	168	Mrs. M. Brown	John J. Hales.
Taopi	9	Alonzo Jay (a)	James B. Thompson.
Waterville	27	Mrs. R. C. St. Germaine	H. E. Chapman.
Winona, First	389	Geo. Baumgartner	Theo. S. Devitt.
" Lakeside, Scandinavian	59	Morton L. Moe	(Ole Thompson, Ev. Scand.)
Zumbro Falls		Miss Nellie R. Disney	
Zumbrota	99	Mrs. Emma Freeman	J. H. Barnett.

(a) R. F. D. Taopi, Minn.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Colon Bain, H. E. Chapman, J. Hayes Barnett, Victor L. Greenwood, F. C. Emerson, William M. Jenkins, Frank E. Knopf, A. A. McBride, James D. Mason, Charles A. Ruddock, Langdon L. Sowles, James B. Thompson, Vaclav Prucha.

IX. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING, June 13-15, 1911, Sleepy Eye.

REGISTRAR: Rev. John Hjetland, Winthrop.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: J. H. Hjetland, P. A. Sharpe, E. F. Wheeler.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Comfrey	21	Dea. Frank N. Nichols	William J. Conard, Sup.
Cornish, Winthrop	8	Charles W. Anderson	Orville A. Barnes.
Custer, Garvin	18	Rees Price	Robert R. Roberts.
Garvin	46	W. W. Jones	Robert R. Roberts.
Lake Benton	41	Amos Porter	David T. Jenkins.
Lake Stay, Arco	29	Mrs. Edward Blegen	David T. Jenkins.
Lamberton	58	A. A. McLeland	William S. Conard, Sup.
Marshall	194	Wm. P. Kraeckman	Perry A. Sharpe.
New Ulm	68	Herman Held	Edward F. Wheeler.
Selma, Comfrey	45	F. D. Dewey	William J. Conard, Sup.
Sleepy Eye	174	Miss Mary Palmer	John H. Hjetland.
Springfield	78	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe	.....
Tyler	30	E. M. Erickson	David T. Jenkins.
Walnut Grove	33	Fred W. Schaur	William J. Conard, Sup.
Winthrop	65	John W. Merhof	Orville A. Barnes.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Orville A. Barnes, John H. Hjetland, John S. Rood, F. S. Attwood, Enoch E. Rogers, Perry A. Sharpe, Francis M. Scully, Albert Warren, Edward F. Wheeler, Robert R. Roberts.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Baudette	14	Mrs. F. J. Williams	Thomas W. Howard (b)
Birchdale	12	Mrs. May B. Smart	Thomas W. Howard.
Elmdale, Holdingsford	29	John Soltis	.....
French Lake	19	P. A. Nystrom	August Sjoberg.
Graceton, (a)	11	Martin O. Akri	Thomas W. Howard (b)
International Falls	.....	.....	.....
Lake Itasca	.....	.....	Rev. G. F. Morton.
Sacred Heart	.....	.....	.....
Swanville, Swedish	18	Christ Molde	M. N. Wickholm.
Twin Valley	.....	James Sworder	.....

(a) Williams. (b) Birchdale.

The next annual meeting will be held with the First Congregational Church of Alexandria, October 3-5, 1911.

NECROLOGY

REV. SAMUEL J. ROGERS

This honored and beloved brother, who for many years had served the State Association as its Secretary and Treasurer, was stricken with apoplexy at the meeting of the Minneapolis Association on May 3, 1910, and without regaining consciousness, passed into rest at the age of seventy-seven years.

Born at Oxford, N. H., educated at Rutgers College and Theological Seminary, he held Reformed Church pastorates in Battle Creek, Mich., Geneva, Port Jervis, and Fort Plain, N. Y. In all of these there was large increase from his marked evangelistic zeal and equally marked wisdom in administration.

His first Congregational service was at Marshall, Minn., in 1877, one of whose notable events was also a revelation of his passion for righteousness and absolute freedom from fear in the path of duty. On the bench of the state was one of the most brilliant of men, whose debaucheries had outraged the bar and public, but no one dared call him to account, till Mr. Rogers took the successful initiative for his impeachment. Pastorates followed at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Toulon, and Paxton, Ill. In 1882 he returned to Minnesota and pursued his ministry at Robbinsdale, Bethany, Linden Hills, and Thirty-eighth St. Church in Minneapolis. As long as strength permitted he ministered acceptably in churches of the neighborhood temporarily vacant. When he could no longer serve he betook himself with measureless content to the ministry in Plymouth Church of Dr. H. P. Dewey, who had been one of the boys of his love in an Illinois pastorate.

Mr. Rogers had two great passions, for his Lord, and for his family, and the characteristic note in the working out of each of them was faithfulness and loyalty. He had his return in the devotion of his family, of whom wife and daughter are left, and in the respect and esteem of his brethren, which, with his brotherliness and the mellowing of his later years, grew into warm affection.

In his relations to the larger work of the denomination in the state he was an important and constantly conserving force in the direction of order and of reverent regard for things that had been tried and proved. His own religious experience had been deep and sure, and he knew the realities of the Gospel with a certainty that could listen indulgently to critical and philosophical difficulties.

Funeral services, attended by our ministry in the city, in a body, were

held May 5, in Plymouth Church, conducted by his pastor, Dr. H. P. Dewey, with the assistance of Mr. Rogers' friends of many years, Messrs. Fisher, Herrick and Merrill.

HENRY HOWARD STUTSON

Henry Howard Stutson, son of Henry W. and Kate (Howard) Stutson, was born in Baraboo, Wis., Sept. 24, 1867. He graduated from the Baraboo High School in 1885. After two years at Wisconsin University, Madison, he spent two years at Olivet College, Michigan, where he graduated in 1890. Missionary of A. B. C. F. M. at Pasumalia College, Madura, India, 1890-1894. Studied theology in Chicago Theological Seminary where he graduated in 1897. Ordained by Congregational Council in 2nd Church, Winona, Minn., Oct. 12, 1897. Home missionary pastor 2nd Church, Winona, Minn., April, 1897-1899. 1899-1900, missionary in Mexican boys' school, El Paso, Texas, and Chihuahua, Mexico. 1900-1901, teacher in Northfield College, Minn. 1901-1902, pastor Park Rapids, Minn.; 1902-1904, Biwabik, Minn.; 1904-1905, missionary to Porto Rico, where he started the work at Yabucoa. Home missionary pastorate, 1905-1906, Biwabik, Minn.; 1906-1907, New Richland, Minn.; 1907-1908, Green River, Wyoming; 1908-1909, Melbourne, Florida; 1909 to May, 1910, West Tampa, Florida.

Died at Baraboo, June 18, 1910, of tuberculosis of the throat and bowels, aged 42 years, 8 months and 25 days.

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SPECIAL NOTICES!

"READ! MARK! LEARN! AND INWARDLY DIGEST"

SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR BOOK.

These will be sent to the churches not later than the last week in December, and should be returned, WITH EVERY QUESTION ANSWERED, by the clerk or pastor, EARLY IN JANUARY, 1912.

The Association of October, 1909, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the reports from the churches of this state for the Year Book, in order to secure publication, must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 1st of February each year, and that notice of this action be sent to every church each year with the schedule.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION
FOR SESSION OF 1911

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Scribe, Rev. Wilbur N. Payne.
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Alternate, Rev. Edwin B. Dean.

Place of Next Meeting

NORTHFIELD

(First Tuesday in October)

COMMITTEES AND VISITORS FOR 1911-1912

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Chairman, Rev. John P. Miller, Minneapolis; H. A. Scriver, A. A. Abbott, Edwin B. Dean.

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For two years—Dr. L. C. Weeks, Detroit.

For one year (to fill vacancy)—C. M. Way.

For one year—Mrs. E. A. Tupper, Pres. W. H. M. U. of Minnesota; Mrs. Parker Marshall.

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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—S. S. Slater, Revs. Royal J. Montgomery and Thos. W. Barbour.

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Little Falls—Rev. Walter H. North.

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St. Paul—Olivet, Rev. Everett Lesher, Mrs. C. J. Hunt, Mrs. A. E. Hodson, C. J. Hunt (visitor); *Atlantic*, Rev. Wm. J. Robb; *South Park*, Rev. M B. Morris, Mrs. M. B. Morris; *University Ave.*, F. I. Benson.

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Grand Meadow—Rev. John A. Hughes.
Owatonna—H. J. Jager.
Plainview—Rev. Henry C. Todd, Mrs. H. C. Todd.
Rochester—Wm. J. Eaton.
Rose Creek—Rev. James B. Thompson.
Spring Valley—Rev. Alex E. Cutler.
Waterville—Rev. Herbert E. Chapman.
Winona, First Church—Theo. S. Devitt.
Zumbrota and Zumbrota Falls—Rev. John Hayes Barnett.

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New Ulm—A. H. Lienhard.
Winthrop—Rev. O. A. Barnes, A. A. Swanson.

MINUNES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota convened in the First Congregational Church of Alexandria, Sept. 26th, 1911. The Moderator, Rev. J. H. Albert, called the Association to order at three forty-five p. m. After singing, Rev. H. K. Painter led in prayer. The Scribe, Rev. Frank Atkinson, being absent, Rev. W. N. Payne was elected temporary scribe. The report of the Business Committee was presented and adopted. The report of the Committee on Finance and Printing was read by the Scribe and laid on the table for farther consideration. Rev. M. B. Morris read the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, which was adopted. The Committee on "Securing Attendance at the State Association" read its report, which was accepted, and the Committee continued for another year. The report of the Committee on "Preservation of Historical Matter" was read by the Scribe and adopted. Rev. T. S. Devitt presented the report on Chicago Seminary, which was accepted. The report on Carleton College was given by Mr. H. J. Jager, and Pres. D. J. Cowling spoke by invitation on that institution. It was voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to confer with the Business Committee regarding time for discussing the report and to bring in an adequate resolution regarding it. The report of the Committee on Windom Institute was given by President Cowling and adopted by the Association.

A resolution was presented by Rev. E. L. Heermance asking for the adoption of some plan for church federation, and it was voted that a committee be appointed to present such a plan.

At the unanimous request of the Association the Moderator appointed a special committee, consisting of Mr. S. T. Johnson, Rev. E. B. Dean and Rev. W. H. North, to send a message of sympathy to Dr. Geo. R. Merrill. The committee sent the following:

Rev. Geo. R. Merrill,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Brother Merrill: The Congregational Association, assembled in Alexandria, has received the news of your bereavement with profound sorrow. We hasten to assure you of the genuine sympathy of the Association and of our fraternal love. We commend you to the comfort and consolation of our Heavenly Father who was the strength and stay through the life of your beloved companion.

By vote of the Association,

S. T. JOHNSON,
E. B. DEAN,
WALTER H. NORTH, Committee.

A recess was taken until the evening session.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Clement G. Clark, called the session to order and Rev. Walter North offered prayer. The Moderator's address was presented on "The Religious Condition of the Church." Some changes in the program were announced by the Chairman of the Business Committee, after which Rev. T. W. Barbour gave a stereopticon address on "Mission Work in Northern Minnesota."

The following committees were appointed: *Nominating Committee*—Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Rev. Alex. Milne and Rev. Henry Symons; *The Committee on Credentials*—Mr. A. A. Miller, Rev. H. K. Painter and Rev. H. E. Chapman; *The Committee on Carleton College*—Dr. R. P. Herrick, Rev. E. M. Williams and Rev. Clement G. Clark. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Edwin B. Dean.

WEDNESDAY MORNING and a part of WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Were occupied with the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society, the legal incorporation of the Associated Churches of the State. For its minutes, see pp. 19-35.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association met following the adjournment of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society.

The Nominating Committee reported the selection of Rev. T. S. Devitt, Rev. W. H. Medlar and Rev. Paul Winter as the Committee on Place and Preacher, and Mr. E. S. Slater, Rev. T. W. Barbour and Rev. R. J. Montgomery as the Committee on Resolutions. Owing to the small amount sent by the churches for equalizing the expenses of pastors and delegates, it was voted to return what had been contributed.

Dr. H. P. Dewey brought from Dr. Merrill his appreciation of our expressed sympathy for him in his bereavement.

The report of the Committee on the Apportionment Plan was presented by Mr. S. T. Johnson who also brought to us the greetings of the National Commission. The report was accepted and the resolutions read in connection with it were adopted. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Johnson for his faithful services to the denomination in the state. See p. 41.

A resolution was introduced by Dr. R. P. Herrick which was as follows:

> Resolved, That this Association of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota pledge the sum of $50,000 to be paid in four annual installments, beginning July first, 1912, toward the endowment fund of Carleton College, established at Northfield under the auspices of this body, said sum to be collected in the churches of our own state during the coming four years, and that thereby we give tangible evidence of the interest we feel in this great work. Hon. D. J. Jones and others spoke of the good work done at Carleton, after which the

resolution was adopted by a rising vote. It was also voted that President Cowling, A. J. Nason and D. P. Jones be a committee to confer with the Apportionment Committee regarding ways and means for carrying out the action just taken regarding Carleton College.

Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the following nominations and the persons named were duly elected:

For Trustees Board of Ministerial Relief, for three years—Mr. Harlan P. Roberts and Rev. M. B. Morris.

State Advisory Board—Rev. Perry A. Sharp and Rev. Everett Lesher.

Visitors to Carleton College—Rev. J. H. Albert, Rev. J. P. Miller, Rev. P. A. Womer.

Visitor to Chicago Seminary—Rev. Clement G. Clark.

Visitor to Windom Institute—Rev. E. F. Wheeler.

Voting Members of the National Home Missionary Society—Rev. S. G. Smith, Mr. Geo. E. Perley, Mr. Harington Beard, Hon. L. E. Jepson, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill and Rev. E. L. Heermance.

Local Church Federation—Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. Edward Constant and Rev. Walter Swann.

Sunday School Committee—Rev. W. H. Medlar, Rev. E. A. Drake and Rev. H. K. Painter.

Historic Matter—Mr. Warren Upham, Rev. J. W. Strong and Mr. Thomas Hughes.

Finance and Printing—Wm. B. Geery, R. L. Pollock, W. B. Northrup.

State Apportionment Committee—Mr. Calvin D. Decker, of Minneapolis, Chairman, representing Minneapolis Conference; Mr. Geo. L. Treat, Alexandria, Central Conference; Rev. Walter Swann, Montevideo, Minnesota Valley Association; Hon. A. A. Miller, Crookston, Northern Pacific Conference; Rev. E. T. Wheeler, New Ulm, Western Conference; Mr. T. W. Hawks, Duluth, Duluth Conference; J. A. A. Burnquist, St. Paul, St. Paul Conference; Mr. W. J. Eaton, Rochester, Southeastern Conference; Mrs. S. J. Richardson, Fairmont, Mankato Conference; also by vote of the Association one member, elected by the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, one member elected by the Woman's Home Missionary Union, the resident State Secretary of such of the seven benevolent societies as have them; and the Chairmen of the several Conferences Apportionment Committees.

Adjournment was taken until the evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The evening session began with singing, and prayer by Rev. Paul Winter of Clearwater.

Rev. J. B. Thompson read the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That the General Congregational Association of Minnesota heartily approves of the principle of arbitration as advanced by President Taft and Secretary of State Knox as set forth in the contemplated treaties between this country and England, and this country and France, and that we urge our Senators to support said treaties.

That the Association Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to Senator Nelson and one to Senator Clapp.

The report of the Minnesota Interdenominational Commission was read by Rev. Everett Lesher and adopted by the Association. The annual report of the Advisory Board was also read by Mr. Lesher and adopted.

A request from Chicago Seminary was read that sixteen delegates be appointed to attend the nineteenth Triennial Convention of the Seminary. It was referred to the Business Committee, which recommended that the delegates be sent at their own expense, and referred the request to the Nominating Committee.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously: Inasmuch as the hand of affliction has been laid heavily upon the venerable head of President Emeritus Dr. Strong, of Carleton College, in the loss of his life companion, Mrs. Strong, who died at Los Angeles, California, December 14th, 1910, and as we remember the long years of valuable service to Congregationalism in Minnesota, our hearts go out to him in tender sympathy, and our prayer for him is that the same Holy Spirit who has strengthened him for the great tasks of the past will cheer him and dispel the loneliness of his declining years.

It was voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the assessment of the churches be raised to six cents per member.

The Choir sang an anthem after which the Annual Sermon was delivered by President D. J. Cowling on "The Essence of Christianity."

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Rev. W. J. Conard and Rev. J. B. Thompson officiating, assisted by Messrs. Andrew Purdon, F. C. Meade, A. A. Miller and C. R. Andrews. The offering for Ministerial Relief was $45.11.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Rev. E. B. Dean led in the devotional service. The minutes of the Association were read and adopted after some corrections.

The following memorial was presented by Rev. Everett Lesher and adopted by a rising vote: We believe that the Apportionment Plan as outlined by the National Commission on Apportionment and adopted by this State Association, is one that means the advance of our Congregational work along every line and the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

We further recognize with gratitude the invaluable service of our esteemed brother S. T. Johnson, who as Chairman of the National Commission on Apportionment and also of the State Apportionment Committee, has freely and cheerfully given of his time and money in untiring endeavor to introduce this plan among our churches, and that in view of his soon leaving our state for residence in Florida, we herewith express our feeling of loss: the loss of his genial whole-hearted comradeship, his enthusiastic optimism and spiritual life; that we bid him God speed and do in this memorial commend him heartily to the Florida Association of Congregational Churches.

Rev. W. H. Medlar gave the report on Sunday Schools, which was discussed and accepted. Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, by invitation, song "The Ninety and Nine," and Mr. C. J. Hunt led in prayer. See p. 40.

The subject "Rural Minnesota" was presented in a five-minute report by Mrs. A. J. Woodrow, and discussed at length by Dr. R. P. Herrick, who also read his report as Superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. It was accepted and adopted. See pp. 36-39.

It was also resolved: That we commend the Congregational Sunday School work in Minnesota to the Apportionment Committee for an increase of percentage from *five percent* to *eight per cent*, if such increase can be made in fairness to other causes.

The Sunday School Committee presented a recommendation that a committee be appointed to arrange for a graduation exercise, for those completing the Teacher Training Course, to be held in connection with the next Association meeting, and that all graduates be urged to attend and receive their diplomas at that time. The Sunday School Committee itself was instructed to make such arrangements for next year.

The annual report on Ministerial Relief was read by Rev. M. B. Morris and was adopted by the Association. See pp. 17-18.

The request of the Nominating Committee was granted asking that it be continued to complete the work of securing nominees for the Chicago Seminary Triennial.

Report of Committee on Place and Preacher:

First; That the annual meeting of Association, 1912, be held at Northfield.

Second; PREACHER—Rev. F. E. Knopf, Austin.

ALTERNATE—Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield.

The Committee on Resolutions gave its report, which was adopted and filed with the Secretary. See p. 56.

President Cowling presented the resolution: That the Association authorize the joint Committee on Carleton and the Apportionment Plan to have printed the resolution adopted regarding Apportionment and the one regarding Carleton. It was so ordered.

The Hon. David P. Jones, of Minneapolis, was elected Moderator for next year.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. T. S. Devitt led in the devotional service.

Mrs. Eva E. Wold, President of the Alexandria W. C. T. U., brought the greetings of the State Union and offered the following resolution which was adopted: Believing that the people are the sovereign power in our land, and knowing that once this power spoke against an evil and four million slaves raised their faces to the sun, free men and women, we, members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, as mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, representing the homes of our state, do earnestly beseech you to cooperate with us in the request that the same power be allowed to speak against a slavery more terrible than that which bound the black race, the slavery of drink.

Therefore be it resolved, that we will use all proper means to have men elected to our next legislature who will pledge themselves to work for the passage of a bill for the submission to the people of the state a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale and manufacture of liquor in the state. It was voted that the Scribe be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Rev. W. C. A. Wallar for Assistant Moderator for next year and it was done.

It was voted that owing to the absence in Europe of Rev. Frank Atkinson, Scribe of the Association, the office of Scribe be declared vacant and that the word temporary be stricken out of the motion whereby Rev. W. N. Payne was made Temporary Scribe, and that he be also elected as Scribe for next year. The Business Committee selected by the Nominating Committee for the meeting next year at Northfield was: Rev. J. P. Miller, Chairman; Mr. H. A. Scriver, Mr. A. A. Abbott and Rev. E. B. Dean. The Committee on Arrangements: Rev. E. B. Dean, Chairman; Prof. Fred B. Hill, Mr. H. W. Page and Mr. C. J. Hunt. Mr. J. M. Norris was re-elected Auditor.

"Our Seven Sisters in Faraway Lands" was the subject of a very interesting address given by Mrs. E. M. Williams, of Northfield.

Rev. Mr. Wallar was again called upon and sang for the Association.

"What shall we do with the Brotherhood" was the subject presented by Prof. Fred B. Hill and Mr. H. A. Williams, President and Secretary of that organization. The Brotherhood's present condition and problems were laid before the Association and discussed at length. President Hill, Vice-President C. J. Hunt and Secretary Williams were all re-elected. It was also voted that a committee of three, including the president be appointed to nominate nine directors to be elected by the Brotherhood. The following were nominated and elected: Mr. A. J. Nason, St. Paul; Mr. Malcham Moyer, Montevideo; Mr. A. A. Miller, Crookston; Mr. W. I. Prince, Duluth; Mr. Rodney Chadbourne, Minneapolis; Mr. H. Leinhard, New Ulm; Mr. L. A. Huntoon, Moorhead; Mr. Goldsbury, Minneapolis; Mr. W. A. Simonton, Glenwood.

Adjournment was taken to go on the automobile tour.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After several hymns the minutes were read, corrected and approved. The male quartet sang. A telegram of greeting from the North Dakota Association was read and a return message voted.

It was voted that the sum of $50, or so much of that amount as may be needed, be placed at the disposal of the officers of our own State Brotherhood, for work in this state.

The committee appointed to formulate a plan for church federation presented the following: Resolved, That the———church of———hereby agrees to enter into the following plan of federation with the———church of———, if approved by the latter church within———days. While co-operating for common work and worship, each church shall retain its own organization, including property, officers and denominational connection.

Each co-operating church shall hold its separate annual meeting and special meetings when necessary. The churches shall continue to contribute to their respective denominational boards or societies.

In calling a minister each church shall act separately, inserting in its call the statement that such action is taken in connection with the co-operating church.

The common financial affairs shall be managed by a joint committee composed of the trustees of each church or other authorized officers or committee. Common interests, other than financial, may if desired be directed by the elders, deacons or others appointed by each church.

This agreement may be terminated by either church on giving———notice to the other.

This plan was adopted and the Secretary ordered to have 1,000 copies printed. Voted that the Association stand adjourned at the close of the evening session.

Prof. Fred B. Hill was then introduced and addressed the Association upon "The Brotherhood." The Quartet sang again, after which Mr. C. J. Hunt, of St. Paul, was introduced and gave an address upon "The Men and Religion Forward Movement."

JOHN H. ALBERT, Moderator.
WILBUR N. PAYNE, Scribe.

M. B. MORRIS, Secretary.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

REPORT OF TREASURER GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 23, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand		$115.69
Duluth Conference dues for 1909-10	$40.00	
Mankato Conference, 1909-10	70.00	
Mankato Conference for 1910-11	71.00	
Minnesota Valley, balance 1908	20.00	
Minnesota Valley, for 1909-10	50.00	
Southeastern Conference, balance 1910	88.00	
Southeastern, on account 1911	70.00	
Minneapolis Conference, balance 1910	174.25	
Minneapolis Conference, on account 1911	150.00	
Northern Pacific, balance 1910	45.00	
Northern Pacific, on 1911	40.00	
St. Paul, on account 1911	213.00	
Duluth, in full 1911	42.00	
Central Association, balance 1910	28.10	
Central Association, on account 1911	35.00	
		1,136.35
Transfer of account		31.49
Total		$1,283.53

DISBURSEMENTS, 1910-11.

Expenses Business Committees and Programs	$15.50
Expenses Advisory Board	23.00
Expenses Telegrams by vote of Association	4.80
Interdenominational Committee	10.00
Salary of Rev. S. J. Rogers in full	50.00
Mailing schedules and printing special notices	6.50
Expenses Visitor to Chicago Seminary	15.00
Expenses Visitor to Carleton College	1.68
Printing and distributing minutes	219.25
Cost of halftone cut of S. J. Rogers	2.50
Treasurer National Council, dues in full for 1911	677.19
Expenses Business, Com. Programs, Envelopes and Mailing	30.61
Stationery, Postage Stamps, Cards and Expressage	16.58

Filing Cabinet, 1,000 Index Cards, Letter File	9.75	
Secretary's Salary	150.00	
Incidental Expenses	12.00	
		1,244.36
Transfer of account		31.49
Total		$1,275.85
Cash on hand		7.68
Total		$1,283.53

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

Checked O. K. Sept. 23, 1911.
Balance on hand, $7.68.
J. M. NORRIS, Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

All bills reported to the Treasurer have been approved by the committee and will be found in Treasurer's report as audited. There is a balance in Treasury of $7.68 and enough due from the Conferences to pay all expenses until April, 1912.

The estimate of expenses for year 1912 is as follows:

National Council	$673.00
Printing and distributing minutes	225.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of Advisory Board	75.00
Other Committees	125.00
Expenses of Secretary	50.00
Sundries	33.00
Total	$1,331.00

For meeting this estimate your committee recommend an assessment of six cents per member apportioned among the Conferences as follows:

Central Association	$89.00
Duluth Conference	51.00
Mankato Conference	96.00
Minneapolis Conference	475.00
Minnesota Valley Conference	64.00
Northern Pacific Conference	88.00
St. Paul Association	262.00
Southeastern Association	163.00
Western Conference	53.00
Total	$1,331.00

ROBERT L. POLLOCK,
W. B. GEERY,
W. B. NORTHROP.
Committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

For the year ending September 23, 1911.

When this report is published, as it will be, you will want to compare the "receipts" and "disbursements" with the printed page of one year ago.

I am sorry you will discover that the churches and conferences of Minnesota gave less than last year for this cause, but will be pleased to find that the M. W. H. M. U. gave much more—those initials interpreted read MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION, writ large, explained not for *your* benefit but for those who know not their meaning, of whom there are yet not a few in Congregational circles.

This time the Secretary's Report is read first, the figures will follow. In this instance as it often happens, the women came "to our rescue," not omitting men. Do you remember the *generous legacy* of one year ago? Northfield is heard from again. That college town has citizens not a few who count the aged minister and his devoted wife worthy of special mention. Listen to one of them in a letter just received: "These men and their wives whose consecration and self denials seem to me insufficiently recognized. They are inconspicuous but most effective laborers in the Master's vineyard, deserving more than they here receive.

"I cannot duplicate last year's generous gift from Northfield but it gives me pleasure to inclose a draft for fifty dollars for the benefit of the Ministerial Relief Society, of which you are the secretary. No doubt you will know how to make it most helpful."

Those are the written words of one who has grown old in the Master's work in Minnesota, and knows whereof he speaks; none other than James W. Strong, of Northfield, this state. The man to whom we listened saying of his beloved Carleton College when a large sum of money was needed and when times were hard years ago, "I know not where the money is, but He knows." I quote his words and record this one of his many noble deeds and generous gifts to worthy objects, sincerely hoping it may inspire many more to go and do likewise, to the end that these consecrated men and their devoted and dutiful wives may be provided for in the days when their strength has become labor and sorrow. I plead for the Ministerial Relief Society and am truly yours,

M. B. MORRIS, Secretary.

Outgoing members this year are M. B. Morris and Harlan P. Roberts.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

Year ending September 22, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand		$311.36
Collections from State Associations and Conferences—		
State Meeting, Crookston	$18.57	
Southeastern Association	5.00	
Minneapolis Conference	9.60	
St. Paul Association	6.63	
Northern Pacific Conference	7.00	
Central Association	6.85	
Western Conference	4.00	
		57.65
Member of Park Church, St. Paul		5.00
Gifts from Thirty-two Churches amounting to		147.68
W. H. M. from October 8, 1910 to September, 1911		200.57
		$722.26
Interest on invested funds		51.00
		$773.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Eight families received aid amounting to	$599.50	
For special work, stationery and postage	58.37	
		657.87
Balance on hand available fund		$115.39
		$733.26
Interest bearing funds	$2,000.00	
Uninvested	50.00	
	$2,050.00	
Interest now due	55.97	
	$2,105.97	

A contribution just to hand entered heading the list for year ending September 30th, 1912, I read letter from donor, see secretary's report.

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

I have examined this account and find same correct.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS,
Auditor.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

New York, N. Y.

REV. H. C. HERRING, D. D., General Secretary.

MR. WILLIS E. LOUGEE, Treasurer.

Minnesota is represented on the Directorate by Rev. H. P. Dewey, D. D. The voting members of the Society from Minnesota are Rev. S. G. Smith, Hon. Geo. E. Perley, Hon. L. E. Jepson, Mr. Harington Beard, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Rev. E. L. Heermance.

By arrangement five per cent of all current contributions from Minnesota go to the Treasury of the National Society.

THE MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(Incorporated 1907)

is the legal form of the associated churches of Minnesota.

THE DIRECTORS—(Terms expire in 1912)—Mrs. E. A. Tupper (Pres. M. W. H. M. U.) F. J. Parker. (Terms expire in 1913)—Horace Goodhue, Rev. Alex. Milne, Rev. Everett Lesher, L. C. Weeks, M. D. (Terms expire in 1914)—Rev. E. L. Heermance, E. S. Slater, Geo. L. Treat, L. G. Moyer.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Alexandria, Minn., Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1911.

The Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society was held in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation at the time and place of the meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, its Moderator, Rev. J. H. Albert, D. D., presiding. The Scribes and Nominating Committee previously elected for the Association were empowered to act in this meeting.

After devotional service conducted by Rev. Walter Swann, of Montevideo, papers were read by Dr. J. P. Miller, of Minneapolis, on "City Evangelization;" by Rev. H. C. Todd, of Plainview, on "The Opportunity of the Village," and an address given by Rev. E. L. Heermance upon "Making the Country Church a Community Center," which was followed by discussion.

A committee appointed by the General Congregational Association on "Missionary Work in Northern Minnesota," presented a report by its chairman, Hon. A. A. Miller, of Crookston, which was by vote received and its recommendations adopted section by section as follows:

1. That the work (in Northern Minnesota) be in charge of a capable, tactful man who shall reside on the field and devote his entire time to Home

Missionary interests, and who shall not engage in any other lines of work whatever.

2. That a careful investigation of the field be made and all churches which are churches in name only, and where there is little or no reasonable hope of satisfactory growth in the future, be speedily abandoned and the money now used in sustaining a feeble life without prospects of substantial growth be used in other places where there are prospects of building up strong churches.

3. That fields that will not warrant the assignment of a strong man to each separately, but which give promise of ultimately becoming centers of social and religious life and influence be arranged in circuits and a man assigned to each circuit.

4. That more competent men be engaged for the work at a salary large enough to command such service, even although the smallness of funds available should make necessary the employment of fewer men; and that no man be employed who is engaged in any other occupation.

5. That the Superintendent engaged for the Northern work should be a man of sufficient business judgment to warrant his decisions being followed and that he have authority to decide matters of detail on his own responsibility; that his title be "Home Missionary Superintendent for Northern Minnesota," and that he be responsible directly to the Board of Directors of the State Society.

6. That the largest possible amount of money be appropriated to this work.

7. That records be kept of all moneys spent on the Northern work and a report thereof in detail be made annually to the State Missionary Society and that said accounts be duly audited.

8. That your Committee does not believe it to be either feasible or wise that a division of the state be made at the present time.

Hon. A. A. Miller, of Crookston, presented the following resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, that this Association ask from the Congregational Home Missionary Society an appropriation of $5,000 for the work in Northern Minnesota for the coming year."

In response to communications from Northern Pacific, Minnesota Valley and Central Associations, it was voted to recommend to the Directors of the Society the employment of a General Missionary to give his entire time to the Central and Minnesota Valley Associations.

Recess was taken to the afternoon.

In the afternoon session, in the absence of the Secretary his review of the year under the title of "The New Decade and the New Vision" was read by Mr. E. S. Slater, of the Board of Directors. It was voted to accept and adopt the same. (A)

The Nominating Committee reported additional Directors as follows, and the persons named were duly elected:

(Terms expire in 1914)—Rev. E. L. Heermance, E. S. Slater, Geo. L. Treat, L. G. Moyer. (Term expires in 1913)—L. C. Weeks, M. D. (Term expires in 1912)—Mrs. E. A. Tupper (Pres. W. H. M. U.), C. M. Way, F. J. Parker.

Notice was given of an amendment to the Constitution of the Society to be acted upon a year hence.

Adjourned.

W. N. PAYNE.
Scribe.

GEO. R. MERRILL,
Secretary.

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THE NEW DECADE AND THE NEW VISION.

A Review of the Missionary Year 1910-1911.

GEORGE R. MERRILL, D. D., Secretary.

This second decade of a new half-century of Congregational life in Minnesota is the decade of the New Vision.

Those who have it are no longer gazing up into heaven for the return of an absent Lord, but their exultant gaze is on the whole round world, in every part of which, and on every day, they see that Living Lord coming, in power and in great glory.

Out of this New Vision there have come to those who have seen it New Views.

What we have called "Missions" and regarded as an optional interest, has become the Extension of the Kingdom of the Living Lord and the supreme business of every one who bears His name.

The distinction between "home" and "foreign" has ceased to have anything more than a relative meaning, since the Kingdom is to be extended in all the earth. The old discrimination between money and the giving of money for India, and for one's local church, is gone. It is all for the extension of the Kingdom of the living Lord.

Under the New Vision and with the New Views what is the place in the Plan of Campaign for a State like Minnesota, and what are we doing to justify the slogan, "Minnesota Makes Good"?

The New Vision which sees an Advancing Lord and Leader, sees of necessity an army following him which needs to be constantly recruited, and for which a growing base of supplies needs to be provided.

This is the new thought of what we have called Home Missions, and now name State Work; to multiply recruits, to widen and to strengthen

the base of operations. Every addition to a church which makes that church able to furnish more recruits and supplies, every church brought to self-support, every new community opened, all these are regarded from the point of view of the whole campaign for World Conquest.

All the while our compelling gaze is not upon our own people, who, in the new sections of the state and apart from the privileges of church and Sunday School, are in danger of losing their devotion and piety, nor on the nations gathered within our borders, whose only solvent is the Gospel, least of all upon acres, or productions, or on mineral wealth.

It is on the Lord, coming and to come in his Kingdom here, that he may come in all the earth. Every foot of earth in Minnesota is to be cultivated to the uttermost, and every community in Minnesota made solid for him, so that here he may get recruits and provisions for the conquest of the world.

Minnesota for Christ in order that Christ may have the World.

It is a great appeal to a great work; it is tasking, and is to task all our resources; it will bring us into the region of sacrifice; the faint-hearted and ease-loving will fall away, but the faithful will have the land in possession.

That which has been wrought already under the impulse of the New Vision is of such sort and measure as to make us most hopeful of what the result will be when all the churches and all the pastors have it.

At the last annual meeting we were six months along in our first year of self-support and no one could tell, except by faith, where we were coming out.

There were two hopeful things, one was that self-support had not come in a wave of enthusiasm, with a perfervid and optimistic few to push it, but as an absolute necessity and a plain duty and the churches of Minnesota would surely do their duty.

The other hopeful thing was the appeal of the Apportionment Plan which at once put our endeavor on a higher plane, and made what we must have, part of a whole that was big enough to fire the imagination and sink differences of opinion about methods and plans.

The result on every side has been such as to call for praise.

In the matter of work planned for the year, while your Directors were conservative in their pledges they refused no worthy application and made provision for the usual amount of new work.

When the books closed March 31 it was with a balance on the right side. Minnesota had met the demands of its first year of self-support; more churches than ever before had taken part and had given more than ever before; and best of all (and in spite of the failure of the Year Book to get it right), in new fields opened, in churches organized, in fields brought to self-support, in revivals of religion enjoyed, the year stands honorably among the years.

The General Summary for the Year is that by the aid of the churches organized as the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society forty-eight (48) men have labored in one hundred and four (104) churches and preaching places; ten (10) churches have been organized; five (5) have come to self-

support; one (1) has been disbanded. These fields where aid has been given have added to their membership eleven (11) per cent on confession.

The Financial Statement for the first year with the Auditor's certificate appears as Exhibit B.

There have been in progress in the state at large during the past year, several movements which should at least be named here because of their certain influence upon the future of our Missionary Work.

First there has been, in less volume of course than in the years just preceding, the continued exodus from the central-northern part of the state to Canada and our own farther West. The thousands of those who have gone have been largely either from our own people or from what was regarded as our proper material and very generally their places, if taken at all, have been taken by foreigners of alien speech and faith. In larger measure than most people know the missionary map of Central Minnesota has been changed by this single movement.

On the other hand in southern and western Minnesota there has been a distinct and marked rural revival due to the incoming of our people from Iowa and Illinois. Calls are coming to us for help from regions where years ago there was prosperous Congregational work which was crowded out by an incoming foreign tide which now has receded.

The most significant movement of the year in many ways has been the great advance in the Lutheran churches of all nationalities in the movement for English services, and the new spirit that is laying hold upon its younger generation of preachers and manifesting itself, in one of its impulses, in the growth and power of the Luther League among the young people.

The Lutheran Church is the largest of all the Protestant bodies in the state, its possibilities of service to the state are immense; and we ought to hold ourselves prepared to welcome with gladness its ability in spirit and methods, to enter into the great field that belongs to it.

More perhaps than all these together in its influence on the work of tomorrow and the day after is that which forces itself upon the consideration of all workers of the evangelical sort.

While there is in our state a rising tide of religion as shown in the acknowledgment of standards of conduct and the acceptance in large ways of religious and distinctively christian ideals, there is a growing disregard of the churches as such.

It is not peculiar to Minnesota, though hitherto it had not very much exhibition among us; it cannot be discussed here and now, but it must be recognized as among the movements bearing upon our continued work in the state.

THE FORCE AND THE FIELD.

The Force consists first of the *Secretary,* who is the executive of the Directors, in securing funds and disbursing them and in the general supervision of the work. The handling of the funds is through a Depositary-Treasurer, with what is regarded as an adequate provision of checks and vouchers, but the details of bookkeeping are attended to in the office of the Society.

Second, of *Field Superintendents* of whom one is now in commission to be followed soon it is hoped by another. Each of these is on a limited district, for which he is responsible, where he has power of initiative, and is restricted only by the necessity of a monthly report and of keeping his actions within the policy of the Directors, and the schedule made at the schedule meeting.

Third, *General Missionaries* of whom there are now three and should be six, whose territory is more limited and their work more specific and of less responsibility.

Of the PARTICULAR PHASES of the work there are three to which attention is due.

There is the *purely Missionary Work* which, whether in it churches are organized or not, is not likely to add anything to Denominational strength.

Most of our work in the Northern Central portion of the state is of this sort; organization, if made, is only formal and temporary, the population is foreign and continually shifting, and in most of such fields there is no more of institutional strength than there was twenty years ago. The table appended (D) which shows the years and the amounts of aid granted to fields now on the list and their comparative membership will repay careful study.

There is nothing discouraging in this if we only understand what we are doing and do it of purpose; that we are putting in salt, doing a work of disinfection and preservation, and are not looking for results which in the nature of the case cannot be realized.

Close to this situation, though extending beyond it into the next phase of work, is what in some senses, is the most serious question that confronts us. It is the question of *men.*

The current Congregational output furnishes us with an insufficient number of men who are able or willing to meet life on fields that wish to provide a support of from $650 to $750. We man these fields, including those in which the very foundations have to be set, with material, usually untrained, from other christian bodies.

Only a very few of the churches in the region specially under consideration have been able to secure pastors either Congregationally trained or in any active sympathy with our ideals and methods, and so capable of training the church in them.

The result is that while these few have become centers of force and influence, there is no apparent reason, beyond the fact that they have received Congregational help why the rest should bear the Congregational name.

What should be the policy of the hour? Shall we go on as in the past? Or shall we say definitely to ourselves, "We will preach the Gospel as widely as our funds allow and there is an open door. But we will limit our organization of churches to the number of fit men who can be found to nurture them?"

It is a real question. There are a dozen places waiting for organization if we are willing to let them be called churches walking after the Congregational way, when there is no prospect of finding for them leaders who know or care anything about that way.

And this leads surely into another and related demand. Sooner or later Minnesota and the Dakotas must face the necessity of training men for their missionary work somewhere on their own ground. It may be Carleton's opportunity; personally I think it is. It may be the opportunity of Fargo. In some way, and that speedily, provision should be begun.

The second form of work considered is the *Rural Work.* It seems as if the day of the country church were coming fast, though the number of men prepared or preparing for its work is as yet very few.

The changes in our population, to which attention is drawn elsewhere, have brought this matter before your Board, and the studies of the State Interdenominational Commission have given added interest to the consideration. It is the purpose of the Board of Directors, while giving such attention to the whole rural field as the funds entrusted to it may justify, to select some one field where proper conditions are met, and there, through a specially trained man, work out a normal exhibit of rural possibilities in Minnesota. The man has been found and is in training, and unless envious hands snatch him from us to a more favorable opportunity, we shall expect to have the model rural field under cultivation in the coming year.

The City Work has now special attention directed to it because it makes the best part of our showing and gives the impression that something is being done. We ought, however, to realize that we are nowhere making even a pretense of touching the problem of the city. We are simply by our Sunday Schools and our new church organizations keeping in sight of our own natural growth.

In the three large cities we are only expending $1,600 of missionary money. We shall need more than ten times that when we seriously take in hand our share of the evangelization of any one of them.

When we have secured for our ordinary work the sixteen thousand dollars alloted to us this year by the Apportionment Plan, we shall be ready it is hoped to join with our National Society in some of the large city movements for which it is preparing.

The following is a detailed statement by Associations:

In Western Association all the churches but three have been pastorless for some portion of the year. But for the timely location of a General Mis-

sionary within its bounds it is hard to say what the situation would have become. At its last meeting the Association was stirred to face the conditions, with the result that since then some effective fellowship work has been done under the leading of General Missionary Conard, and a better state of things is already visible. The great difficulty here, as in other sections of the state is to find ministers who care to attempt living on what the churches are *willing* to pledge for their support. If it were a case of real poverty or inability it would be easier to get along with.

MANKATO ASSOCIATION has maintained its pre-eminence in intelligent comprehension of its field and in the expression of fellowship. Eight of its churches have changed pastors and six are now vacant. Even though the vacancies are but temporary in most cases the work is seriously retarded. At the annual meeting the Mankato pastor gave a lesson in geography that was vastly stimulating in its sense of obligation for the whole field, and there was due consideration of the Apportionment Plan. The church in St. Clair has come into full membership with the association; the reorganized work at Pemberton is only waiting for a pastor. Matawan has been recognized by Council and has dedicated a new house of worship.

SOUTH EASTERN ASSOCIATION follows hard after Mankato in its care for its own territory and endeavor to make fellowship more than a name. All the churches in the association are understood to be supplied with pastors, and with one exception these are the same as a year ago. Substantial advance has been made on the aided field of Rose Creek and Taopi, and also at Waterville. Winona Second has disbanded and the property disposed of by the First Church, which owned it and had largely supported the work.

Rev. J. H. Barnett and the Zumbrota church have taken on the work at Zumbro Falls to the great comfort of a faithful few long without stated services. In this association the Fellowship Committee is charged with the working of the Apportionment Plan.

ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION has had changes in seven fields which, while they have taken from us such valued men as Curtis, Olmstead and others have brought back Ketcham and Wallar no less honored. Work has been reopened at Lakeland with a fair prospect of permanency and also at Hazel Park. University Avenue is a perceptible space nearer its goal of freedom from debt and of independence. Through the aid of the People's Church a beginning has been made in the acquisition of the Foreign-Speaking Work in the state by the Society, and the German People's Church, the only German work in the state is taken from the burden of the National Society.

The heavy burdens under which many of the churches of this body are struggling have prevented any intelligent attempt at the Apportionment Plan until the present year when it is in the hands of an efficient committee from whom much is expected.

MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION has had few changes in the year, though to Ortonville and Dawson in particular it has been a year of unwonted trial.

Morris and Montevideo, the two largest churches have been unusually active and effective in their fellowship work.

The Morris Pastor with the co-operation of his people has had the joy of organizing two churches in the country, which with Graceville solve a problem and make a field of promise.

Granite Falls is still, as for many a year, a perplexity whose difficulty ought to prove attractive to some man capable of handling it.

The hopeful thing in the work of this association is the general revival of home interest.

MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION has no vacant churches outside the city, although there have been twelve changes during the year.

Lynnhurst has come to self-support and dedicated a new church building; Morningside just over the city limits has been recognized by Council and is joined with Edina Mills in the support of services. Work has been renewed at Groveland with fair prospects. Wayzata is moving in the matter of building to anticipate the fast arriving future of that side of the lake. Forest Heights is in its new house saddened by the inability of its beloved pastor to carry on the work to which he has contributed so much.

Vine has disposed of its old property and is building with a cheerful courage.

All of the advance work in Minneapolis has been made possible by the interest and large financial advances of the City Union which is really an organic part of our Society. Fifty per cent of the whole Apportionment is upon this association.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION has had a brief vacancy at Sauk Rapids and Cable and a longer one at Sauk Center.

The last pastor of the Sauk Center Church, a man honored among us, in a reversion to the type of church-life in which he was reared, has found a home, and it is hoped a renewal of successful service, in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The "togetherness" whose outward signs are the Fellowship Committee and the Apportionment Plan, has taken a promising hold upon this association.

The pressing need is for a General Missionary who shall work in this and in the neighboring Minnesota Valley Association. It is understood that this will be next extension made by the Society.

NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION has called for considerable new work, mostly along the Duluth-Winnipeg line of the Soo, some of which may in time develop into real church-work.

By far the larger part of our money has been spent upon the same territory as in the last twenty years and the situation is far from being satisfactory. The Field Superintendent with a free hand and practically full authority, has had to be alert to meet the demands and make the adjustments that have seemed necessary. If the much-heralded federations and combinations of Denominations, that seem to center at New York and Chicago, could get as

far as Northern Minnesota in doing something, the situation might possibly be improved.

Among the older and stronger churches of this association, the church in Detroit has not only made a good record for itself with new departures of promise, but the sympathetic care of its pastor for the small and needy fields within his reach has been a fine illustration of what many men might do.

"Blessings brighten as they take their flight," and PARK RAPIDS found when it no longer had a Congregational Church that it could not do without one. A new organization was made, largely out of new material, recognized by Council, dowered with the effects of the former church held in trust by this Society, secured a Pastor, and has started on what is hoped may be a long and useful life.

WOLVERTON just organized at the North Dakota line by Supt. Stickney to go with a North Dakota field is moving for a building.

While we were meeting at Crookston a year ago, the flames were devouring our church building at Baudette, in the RAINY RIVER REGION, rendering homeless our people there, at Graceton, and along the line, and claiming some valued lives. The sympathy and effective aid of the whole state went out toward the stricken region. When the first and outward needs were in a way to be met, Mr. Howard, our General Missionary in the region, was encouraged to go out into the State and ask for help in rebuilding the church at Baudette. The response was ready and abundant. The accounts of the building so far as they went through my hands is submitted herewith in Exhibit C. The new building is already well on to completion and its dedication is planned for at once. At the earliest time a pastor should be given Baudette and Graceton and Mr. Howard be left free for the distinctively missionary work which is abundant in its opportunity and pressing in its call.

DULUTH ASSOCIATION, the smallest of our fellowship, has the banner record for a fully supplied list of churches. Aitkin, the apparent exception, has no place in which to worship, has gone on bravely in the year to the securing of a new house till halted by obstacles that seemed unsurmountable. Biwabik has come into the new year with a parsonage, a fifty per cent reduction in its request for missionary aid and a hearty interest in the general missionary Swede-Finn work conducted by Rev. O. A. Granholm.

At West Duluth it seemed for a while that our work had been hopelessly wrecked and that endeavors to resume it were foredoomed to failure. But on being taken hold of at the Sunday School end where it was accessible, prejudice was disarmed and a $25 outlay on the part of the Sunday School Society brought it within our reach again. Rev. Allen Clark, who had thus gained a foothold, opened work also at New Duluth, near the new Steel Plant in a building of ours that had long been waiting and also at Fond du Lac. Improvements have been made to the plants, the people gathered with some rising courage and there seems to be a new outlook for the work at the head of the lakes.

The death of Deacon W. S. Woodbridge, of Pilgrim Church, removes not only an honored worker elsewhere, but one who was specially interested in this and in all the State Work.

At the time of our organization as a Society it seemed possible only to contemplate the work to be done among the English speaking people.

It has become increasingly manifest, however, that if we were to justify our name we must address ourselves to the varied foreign problem presented in our state and plan as our first enlargement the gradual taking of that work upon ourselves.

The Swede-Finn work in the mining region was the first to present itself to us with a hearty interest in it on the part of the church in Biwabik. At the same time a man was provided equipped for the service and half his support pledged by a large-hearted layman. Services have been carried on by the missionary, under the sympathetic oversight of a Committee of the Biwabik Church for each nationality, Sunday Schools and Ladies' Aid Societies formed in Biwabik and four other places in the neighborhood. Good has been certainly accomplished to more than justify the effort, but whether the character of the population and its changes will allow a permanent work is yet to be determined.

Mention has been made of the fact that by the co-operation of the People's Church in St. Paul the single German work in the state hitherto supported by the National Society has been taken over by us.

Attention had been drawn at various times to the call for work among the Slovaks and investigations have been made both in the neighborhood of New York Mills and in Minneapolis.

Mr. Paul Palmer, a student of the Slavic Institute at Oberlin, Ohio, was employed for a month to make a missionary examination of the situation. His work was directly effective in bringing a personal presentation of the Gospel of Christ to some hundreds of people who had not heard it and resulted in the possession of a mass of facts which may be of future use, but clearly do not call for any special missionary establishment among these people at once. The one Bohemian Church, aided by the National Society, and the several Scandinavian Churches receiving help, should in due season be taken under the care of this Society.

Minnesota is a unit, and all work done in it under Congregational auspices should come in fact, as it is provided for in our incorporation, under the supervision of the state itself.

As usual the Society has to express its obligations to various co-operating organizations and agencies belonging to the state and without.

Of ourselves, the Woman's Home Missionary Union and the Apportionment Committee of the Minneapolis Association, and particularly the Congregational City Union of Minneapolis, are to be named.

The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society through its representative in the state, and the National Council's Apportionment Com-

mission, through its Chairman, who is also one of us, have at each possible point of the year's work, been helpful to it.

Once more we need to set before us the goal to be reached, the advancement of the coming kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, in and by Minnesota; and the method by which it is to be done as that of co-operative evangelism. In order to this we need to take pains to give greater expression to our community and togetherness.

This is a great value of the Apportionment Plan that it helps us realize this, as it faces us with its worldwide word; it is the value of the local Fellowship Committee, as its normal development is favored, and it becomes what it is possible for it to become—this is the value your State Secretary should have, not as he raises money or goes through any routine, but as giving cheer and inspiration to ministers and churches.

It is this place of General Helper, not as an official position, but as an opportunity freely given, that seems to me worth while, and it is by its terms that I interpret my privilege in the state.

Our incorporation as churches, remarkable for its breadth and absence of limitation, is to further the interest of religion, and your Directors, your Secretary, Field Superintendents and General Missionaries are held in the freedom of this great charter.

While by their appointment Field Superintendents and General Missionaries are always upon their limited fields, with a freedom of action entrusted to them that is practically unrestrained, the tendency of the work is to demand of the Secretary more time when he can be found of those who need in one way or another the fellowship of which he is the appointed organ.

The aim has been the past year to put about two-fifths of the time on the field, but more has been required, to the detriment of work demanding to be done at the office.

For the best adjustment and effect there should be a second Field Superintendent for the Central and Western parts of the state and one or two additional General Missionaries.

Since the last meeting the Secretary as General Superintendent has visited sixty-five churches and fields, several of them more than once.

These visits have been for one or both of two objects: to give to church or pastor counsel or inspiration or to secure money for the work. For the latter purpose, which has had of necessity a special prominence this year, the visits have been always upon invitation and necessarily to the larger churches, notably to the churches of the cities and their members.

There is no way to help this even if were desirable. One who is after money must go where the money is. The people who supply the larger part of the funds have a right to hear reports of the use of what they give as they desire them, and unless they are kept in touch as they wish, the funds will not be forthcoming.

While we were a dependent missionary state there was usually no spe-

cial pressure on the Superintendent from that side, and some among us fail to realize how the conditions have changed.

It is out of this in part that the necessity has arisen for Field Superintendents. They take the place of the Secretary on definite areas, and so put back into the fellowship of the aided churches what he must devote to the fellowship of giving.

THE REVOLVING FUND which last year carried us through the shortage caused by the delayed payments of the Churches was lessened for this year by the return of the Park Rapids Fund amounting to $336.16 to the new work in that place. The remainder of $1,400 which we have had to use this year is entirely inadequate.

There is no way in which a generous friend can so effectively and permanently help the State Work as by the gift of $1,000 or more to this Fund.

If such gift is not forthcoming its amount will have to be sought in small sums even at the risk of lessening current contributions.

This is presented to the Society as matter of first importance.

At the end of the first six months of the year, that is on September 23, we have used our capital and are owing missionaries under date of Sept. 5, $304, in addition to the personal note of the Secretary, past due, for $400 for the same purpose. On October 5, there will be due to missionaries and for current expense, $1,300.

The capital that has been used will come back all right later in the year. The immediate liabilities are rising $2,000.

The only way of meeting these is for the churches to see, each one for itself, that one-half of its apportionment for Home Missions is remitted before October 5.

That will do it and nothing else will. There is no further credit to be secured and payment will be held up.

It is a small thing for each church to do, but it means honor or dishonor to the Society and relief or burden to your missionaries whether you do it or not.

B.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

April 1, 1910—April 1, 1911.

FIRST QUARTER				
Receipts	$1,460.20			
Disbursements—				
Missionary Service		$1,115.87		
Office Expense			$69.14	
Travel, etc.				$50.29
SECOND QUARTER				
Receipts	2,812.99			
Disbursements—				
Missionary Service		2,556.19		
Office Expense			47.95	
Travel, etc.				39.35
THIRD QUARTER				
Receipts	3,748.43			
Disbursements—				
Missionary Service		2,968.55		
Office Expense			59.67	
Travel, etc.				83.50
FOURTH QUARTER				
Receipts	4,308.09			
Disbursements—				
Missionary Service		2,993.07		
Office Expense			91.15	
Travel, etc.				30.26
Total Receipts	$12,329.71			
Missionary Service		$9,633.68		
Office Expense			$267.91	
Travel, etc				$203.40
Total Disbursements	$10,104.99			
Balance	2,224.72			
Revolving Fund Replaced	1,665.00			
Balance to 1911-12				559.72

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Minneapolis, Minn.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have checked over with Dr. Geo. R. Merrill the disbursements made by him as Secretary of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society for the year ending March 31, 1911, and found sufficient vouchers for all disbursements made by him as such Secretary, as shown by his records and reports exhibited to me.

The system of bookkeeping adopted by him in keeping the financial accounts and records of the Society appears to show satisfactorily and in detail the receipts and disbursements of the Society.

(Signed) CHARLES F. KEYES.

C.

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE RAINY RIVER FUND

For the Rebuilding of the Church at Baudette.

Received and paid into the St. Anthony Falls Bank.

Boston, Mass., a Friend through A. E. Dunning, D. D.	$21.00
Minneapolis—	
First Church and Individuals	88.16
Plymouth Church and Individuals	673.50
Park Avenue Church and Individuals	52.47
Como Avenue Church and Individuals	21.00
Fifth Avenue Church and Individuals	5.00
Lyndale Church and Individuals	51.30
Lowry Hill Church and Individuals	30.61
Northfield Church and Individuals	246.75
St. Paul—	
St. Anthony Park Church and Individuals	25.00
Olivet Church and Individuals	95.00
Cyril, Bohemian Church and Individuals	11.00
Pacific Church and Individuals	8.00
Park Church and Individuals	81.50
Duluth Pilgrim Church and Individuals	398.00
Cash, from Various Donors	68.70
Excelsior	10.00
Minn. W. H. M. U.	25.00
Interest	9.00
	$1,920.99

Rev. T. W. Howard, kept for expenses	$20.00
July 6. Check to Mrs. S. J. Williams. Treas., on the order of Rev. T. W. Howard and the Chairman of Trustees	$1,191.99
Sept. 11. To the same	303.00
Sept. 22. To the same	406.00

D.

LIST OF AIDED FIELDS, 1910-11; THE SAME IN 1905-6.

By Alphabetical Order of Associations.

	Years Aided	1905-6 Members	1905-6 Aid	1910-11 Members	1910-11 Aid
CENTRAL—					
Burtrum	19	26	$200	28	$100
Swanville	19	8	...	8	...
Pillsbury	22	...	...	...	...
Paynesville*	31–2	96	65	50	100
DULUTH—					
Backus	8	19	...	17	150
Hackensack, etc.	4	...	...	13	...
Biwabik	16	20	250	35	100
Biwabik Cir. Swede-Finn Work	2	...	...	...	600
Brainerd, People's	23	46	150	48	100
Duluth, W. Plymouth	23	65	200	58	200
New Duluth	7–1	...	...	...	...
Fond du Lac	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Marais, Maple Hill, etc..	4	...	...	17	250
Walker	15	29	200	21	160
MANKATO—					
Ellsworth and Kanaranzi	21	33	...	16	200
Cambria, Salem*	43	41	75	79	75
St. Clair, etc.	...	17	...	18	150
MINN. VALLEY—					
Marietta	25	66	135	44	50
Nassau	13	22	...	20	...
Graceville, etc.*	15–3	41	...	32	100
MINNEAPOLIS—					
Gaylord	2	59	...	49	100
Hopkins, Mizpah	20	35	150	45	150
Milaca	3–2	45	100	30	65
Vine, Minneapolis	21–1	134	...	184	360
Minnehaha, Minneapolis	7	25	150	38	300
Lynnhurst, Minneapolis	9 mos.	...	...	96	360
Open Door, Minneapolis	7–1	128	...	67	100

NORTHERN PACIFIC—					
Gen. Missionary	...	...	1,200	...	1,800
Akeley	13	49	225	28	150
Bagley	12	35	200	31	200
Nymore	6	7	...	2	200
Beard	6	30	...	27	...
Pinewood, etc.	1	...	...	...	...
Bertha	15	16	125	20	100
Aldrich	7	25	...	24	...
New York Mills	13	13	...	17	...
Cass Lake	12	29	200	55	268
R'd Prairie		69	75	61	75
Lake Park*	10–1	29	135	27	100
Ulen, etc.	8	10	150	10	
Fertile, etc.	23	16	150	18	200
International Falls*	3–1	7	...	74	500
Staples	4–1	...	...	102	100
Waubun	1	...	...	...	100
Callaway	1	...	...	...	...
Ogema	1	...	...	...	...
Waukenabo	3	...	...	...	200
Palisade	1	...	...	...	...
Bain	1	...	...	...	...
Remer	1	...	...	...	...
Baudette	4	...	500	17	400
Birchdale	6	...	...	17	...
Graceton, etc.	3	...	...	11	...
SOUTHEASTERN—					
Rose Creek	39	18	...	14	125
Taopi	18	6	...	12	...
Waterville	31	28	100	35	100
ST. PAUL—					
Lakeland	30–1	18	...	11	100
Marine Mills*	27–3	10	...	8	100
Square Lake	...	...	...	...	...
North Branch*	26	23	100	23	100
Sunrise, etc.	...	...	...	5	...
Bell, St. Paul	4	...	...	28	150
Forest St., St. Paul	4	...	...	21	150
Hazel Park, St. Paul	5–1	...	...	...	...
University, St. Paul	13	22	200	83	200
German People's, St. Paul	1	80	...	70	250
WESTERN—					
Gen. Missionary	...	...	...	...	600
Garvin	20	51	100	54	100
Custer	23	16	...	28	...
Walnut Grove*	21–1	89	125	33	100
Lamberton	21–1	36	125	37	...

*Not called for as yet this year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR MINNESOTA OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

RURAL MINNESOTA.

During the last two decades there has been a great deal said about the duties of the churches toward city work and none too much emphasis has been placed upon the need of religion to counteract the tremendous growth of evil in the cities of America. But during the last year or so there begins to appear an awakening on the part of the churches concerning rural America and its growing heathenism. The secretaries of all the home societies of the different denominations working in America have gathered for a consideration of the big problem involved in religious work in country districts and have organized the Home Missionary Council, a kind of federation of the denominations for home missionary work. During this fall and winter a representative delegation of these secretaries and directors from the missionary societies of all denominations is to go over the country, state by state, to gather the facts in regard to rural heathenism and will be in Minnesota November fifteenth. It is important therefore that the Society which devotes itself so largely to work in outlying districts should report to this meeting something of the situation and the opportunities of the work.

One hundred years ago ninety-seven per cent of the population lived on farms or in small villages. While it is true that today less than seventy per cent lives on farms and in rural communities, this is still a vast majority of the population of the nation.

When the stage coach was the vehicle of communication one place was much like another in importance and as a place of abode. With the dropping of stage communication so largely and the locating of business in towns and cities along the railroads, the country districts were forgotten and religious effort began to be concentrated in the cities. In the west in the last fifty years the church effort has been largely confined to the new towns and cities springing up along the railroads. Often the railroad towns and the county seat contained practically the churches of the county although there might be a score of townships outside of this railroad village unsupplied religiously.

Thus it has come about that religious effort has been concentrated in railroad towns and cities both east and west and only the most feeble effort has continued for the country districts. But the tragedies and fearful crimes which are being committed in the country districts east and west are beginning to be understood as an indication of a godlessness and heathenism which has been allowed to grow up in the rural districts of America.

In Minnesota we have this problem of the country districts as well as in more distant states. Anyone who has been out into the back neighborhoods away from the observation which is always prevalent in the cities comes to know two facts: The first of these is that evil is as rampant in the country

districts and of the same nature and kind as in the cities. In some ways the country furnishes more opportunity for concealment of wickedness than does the city. The second fact is that in much of the rural sections of Minnesota there is only the slightest touch of the Christian religion upon the life and character of the young. In Minnesota the settlement is so recent that the older generation has brought hither some of the moral power and restraint from the older communities. But there has grown up in Minnesota a generation of boys and girls which in many sections has only the slightest touch of the Christian religion upon it and in some case none at all. There are children in the country schools of Minnesota who are practically as ignorant of the great facts and the great experiences of the Christian religion as the children of China or India. Any returning school teacher will give you the assurance that these two facts characterize in a greater or lesser measure the country districts of Minnesota.

It is this seventy per cent in America and perhaps sixty per cent in Minnesota that will largely determine the religion and morals of the twentieth century and it is toward this problem of the rural districts that the Congregational churches of Minnesota must turn their faces.

We are glad to turn from this statement to show that even with our entirely inadequate force of workers there has been during the last year some headway made in doing our part in solving this question of Christianity in the country districts and the fact that your state superintendent has averaged seventy miles a day of travel the last year shows he is not indifferent to this work. All the effort possible has been made to care for the branch and mission Sunday Schools already existing. And as reported in the last year book these numbered 123 schools with approximately 4,000 members, Minnesota leading all states except North Dakota. Most of these schools have been carried on year after year—not ephemeral work. Every opportunity has been used to help the country districts in sustaining their religious work or in planting a new school. For example the district between Moose Lake and Federal Dam, west of Duluth, has for three months been traversed by a student missionary, Rev. A. F. Swenson, who has done what he could to bring religion to outlying neighborhoods and isolated farm homes. Rev. J. F. Okerstein has gone among the Swedish communities in Northern and Southern Minnesota but now does such work in a wholly voluntary fashion. Rev. W. J. Conard, in Southwestern Minnesota, while mainly employed in the towns, has extended his influence wherever possible to outlying country neighborhoods. Altogether in twenty new communities in the last year the organization of religious work through the Sunday School Society has been accomplished. It is also expected that the repeated attempts toward locating an independent worker in the northern half of the state under the commission of the Congregational Sunday School Society will be crowned with success and that a man of large experience and acquaintance with Minnesota conditions will soon be appointed for that work.*

*Rev. W. L. Sutherland was appointed in October and is at work with headquarters at Detroit.

But we plead in this report for coöperation and the gifts of our churches that shall enable us to inaugurate several more large circuits, where in three or four counties a man may give his attention to establishing the institutions of religion in rural districts now uncared for. With $5,000 contributed to this cause in Minnesota a far reaching work might be done through the circuit missionaries of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. It seems hard to say to a man like the Rev. George Morton, of Itasca, that we can give no financial backing to an effort in country districts which covers a parish forty miles long, involving already five points where work is maintained. While Mr. Morton's heart is in the work it can hardly be expected that practically at his own charge he should maintain the horses and equipment necessary for covering this big district and yet in the present situation there seems no source of help and support. Perhaps the Association noticed yesterday in the percentages of the apportionment that the Sunday School missionary work in Minnesota was given only five per cent of the amount—the lowest figure of any of the active missionary societies. In North Dakota and South Dakota the percentage has been eight and last May South Dakota voted to raise it to ten per cent. The Association recommended an increase to 8 per cent.

Facing this problem of rural heathenism in Minnesota and realizing that the restraint of the older generations is passing away, shall we not as followers of Jesus Christ take a new attitude of devotion and prayer and gifts for circuit work in the country districts of our state?

ROBERT P. HERRICK,
Superintendent.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR SEPT. 1, 1910, TO SEPT. 1, 1911.

Sunday Schools Organized	23
Sunday Schools Reorganized	2
Addresses and Sermons	660
Pastors and Superintendents visited	317
Miles Traveled	36,444
Different Workers employed	7

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL WORKER

For Minnesota Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

Having been asked to make a five minutes' report I will do so as follows: I attended the Southeastern Conference at Zumbrota, May 9th, Northern Pacific at Cass Lake, May 10th; St. Paul at St. Paul, May 16th; Minnesota Valley at Morris, June 12th; Western Minnesota at Sleepy Eye, June 14th; Central Conference at Glenwood, June 21st. Before, during and since the

Conference session I have visited schools for a longer or shorter period as follows: In Northern Pacific 6, 13 in Central, 8 in Minneapolis, 10 in Southeastern, 6 in Western, 1 in Mankato, 8 in Minnesota Valley, 6 in St. Paul. The Twin City churches visited are not included in this list.

Four things were specified to be emphasized in this Education campaign: Teacher training, the graded system and graded lessons, class organization and the standardization of the school. The condition of the school decided which of these should be made the more prominent. In regard to attendance and interest my judgment would be that the majority of the schools are standing still. A few are gaining, a less number perhaps are going down. This condition I attribute to changing population and lack of leadership for Sunday School work in local churches. In regard to Teacher Training I have been surprised many times at the interest manifested in it. Superintendents are coming to feel more and more the need of this, especially to do good work with the new graded lessons. We report about 30 classes, at present, with nearly 300 pupils and hope the number may be enlarged. The graded lessons are coming in slowly. The majority, I believe, still use the old uniform series. A few schools have put them in the entire school. A small number are enthusiastic over them. A few more are having trouble with them and consider going back to the old system.

In class organization we are like the rest of Minnesota, rather behind. A few schools have enthusiastic organized classes. The majority are doing little. In standardization a beginning has been made. It should be remembered that this year's work is largely experimental. The worker needs to get acquainted with the field, and the field with the worker. For the present it seemed possible to do little more than foundation work. Two conclusions have been forced upon me: the importance—nay the necessity of Sunday School work if the church is to maintain its existence. The second is that the time is not yet come for Congregationalism to lie down and die; our work is not yet done, our mission not yet accomplished. In passing I would also like to urge upon our denominational leaders the wisdom of co-operation with the State Sunday School Association. They give us the standard and set the pace. It is for each denomination to see that its schools are brought up to the standard. Almost if not quite all the progress of modern Sunday School work has come from the union of the denominations in this common association, and we need still its stimulus and help.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. J. WOODROW,
Educational Worker, C. S. S. & P. S.

REPORT OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1911.

Last year your committee sent out a "Questionaire," soliciting statistics on methods of work. Some seventy schools out of about three hundred responded, giving a partial yet suggestive summary of methods employed. We refer you to this report in last year's minutes for valuable information.

This year the committee did not deem it wise to repeat this experiment. We also wish to refer you to Mrs. Woodrow's report on Standardization of Sunday Schools Methods printed in last minutes. A full and suggestive outline of what the advance work of grading should be.

Your committee feels deeply the importance of this great work, and fully agrees with utterances made at this Conference to the effect that the Sunday School should be an integral part of the church, and that its expenses should be included in the church budget.

Emphasize Greatness of Sunday School.

As we cast about to get our bearings today we find that there is a tendency on the part of denominational leaders to divorce the Sunday Schools from the interdenominational association, and place it under the denominational jurisdiction. This spirit was strongly manifest at the San Francisco convention, especially by one of our largest denominations.

Mr. Winchester, of Boston, who is at the head of our publishing department, also advocates this separation. We regret that any such ***denominational ambition*** should come upon the scene at this late day. This is a day of *"coming together"* rather than pulling apart. It almost appears to us as though the successful methods of the association had aroused *jealousy* on the part of denominational leaders, and that they want the denomination to reap the fruits and the honor of the association.

When we consider the results achieved by the association, we ought to glory in it and help it along to yet larger attainments rather than cripple it by pulling apart. It reminds us of the Christian Endeavor movement and the pulling out of the Methodists and others to form their own young people's work. I believe every true worker should raise his protest against this denominatoinal ambition.

It was our privilege to journey with the World's Sunday School Union around the Mediterranean, and to hold its convention in Jerusalem. We were greatly impressed by the spirit and unselfish devotion shown by such men as Marion Lawrence, Mr. Pierce, E. K. Warren, Hartshorn and others, regardless of denominations. Missions were visited and supported wherever we went. This spirit everywhere characterizes the movement, and therefore it *should have undivided support*.. We believe, however, that the work ought to be *linked with the denominations.*

We would suggest that *"Teacher Training,"* which is the key to success, be taken up by the churches in practical *team work.* During the summer

your chairman visited an assembly which named itself a *Normal Assembly* where this *team work of teacher training* is carried on with great success. Nearly every pastor of the denomination makes himself personally responsible to organize and teach a training class, and prepare for graduation as many as possible during the year. Some fifty are graduated each year, the diplomas are conferred at this assembly where half or more usually attend. A Bible address is delivered at the time. Much emphasis is laid on the exercises to make them attractive. Would it not be possible to introduce such a plan of team work in our churches. Set an hour apart at our State Association for such a graduation. Have a rousing Bible address. It would have a tendency to bring a large number of young people to the association. It would *link the school with the church.* It would infuse a new and helpful spirit into our state meetings. This method would raise up qualified teachers in all our churches. It would *insure better Bible instruction instead of the hop-skip-and-jump methods* which have been too much in vogue. Some of our graded Sunday Schools are beginning to show most excellent results in real Bible knowledge. Some of our Juniors at their promotion examinations have put the adult members to shame, by the wonderful recital of Bible facts and texts.

I have in my own church used with splendid interest *some of these Junior exercises* at regular church services. They have been eye-openers to the older members of the church. We can not too highly recommend the graded systems offered by the association. The monthly business meeting of the Sunday School accompanied by a cover dish supper has been very helpful in many churches. The Sunday School is the greatest opportunity of the church today. She can attract the community and can branch out into many forms of mission work.

PROF. FRED B. HILL.
REV. H. K. PAINTER,
REV. W. H. MEDLAR,
Sunday School Committee.

REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE OF 1911

To the Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota.

Mr. Moderator and Delegates:

Your Committee on Apportionment beg leave to report, that the year has not been as successful for our benevolence as the Committee could have wished. Since the last meeting of this Association, the National Council, meeting in Boston, created the "National Apportionment Commission," of nineteen members, seven of which were elected by the Council, one each from the seven National Societies, one from each of the Woman's Foreign Boards,

one from the Woman's Home Missionary Federation, and one from the National Brotherhood.

This Commission has sought to make apportionment practical, and to have it become an evangelical power in the spiritual life and education of our people, both children and adults.

We have heretofore let our benevolence rest upon an impulse, a few gave on principle but more only from a temporary emotion. It is now realized that the old steady givers are passing away, that our young have not been systematically trained, and that we are coming to and are in a precarious condition, affecting not alone our financial, but that the spiritual life of our churches is seriously menaced. Our congregational per capita giving has fallen off 58% in the last 30 years, this decrease with our present membership amounts to $1,330,000; if we gave as our forefathers did, we would be giving three and one-half million per year. Our seven Societies receiving over $2,500,000 instead of the $1,269,409, total from churches last year.

No serious minded Christian Congregationalist can view the present situation without grave concern and apprehension as to the immediate present and future. Where can the difficulty lie? While this decrease has been steadily growing, the average individual wealth has undoubtedly grown tenfold.

As a class, Congregationalists are not the poor of our various communities. It must then be that there has come a change in the disposition of our people; are the people less honest, than formerly? or is it a lack of consecration? or have the parents been less alert in training each generation as to their privilege of partnership with God in his Kingdom on earth? Can it be possible that the average twentieth century pastor is not as strong, in benevolence leadership, as was his predecessor.

Much concern is felt and attention being given to similar conditions in other states and considerable progress has elsewhere already been made, in establishing remedial methods to cure this tendency, to carelessness concerning our denominational interests.

The year 1910 closed with a shortage of $19,000 for Minnesota. If we had given on the basis our fathers gave, our societies could have received from Minnesota churches $108,570 instead of $31,013. Our apportionment for our seven Societies was $50,000, we only raised $31,013 of it, and $21,841 for other Congregational causes, made the total of benevolent contributions for all Congregational causes $52,855. We gave for benevolence not Congregational $77,068, making a total of $129,923. It is only fair to say that of the $77,068 of undenominational gifts $70,000 is accredited to People's Church, St. Paul. Mark you that, our churches gave to all congregational interests a total of $52,855, but our seven National Societies, for our *accredited work*, only got $31,013 of it. Does it ever occur to our pastors and people that the obligation to care for and pay our share for the support of the seven Societies created by the churches is precisely the same as the obligation to adequately

support and pay the expenses of the home church, or that to ignore this obligation evidences the low tide in our spiritual and religious life?

The 147 of our churches, out of a total of 225 that reported, gave their home expenses as $281,859.

Now your Committee don't care to brag of the fact that 191 of our churches report $77,068 for miscellaneous benevolences not Congregational; or that one church is credited with giving $70,000 of that sum, and only $280 for the support of our seven Societies; $98,910 given by our churches in the state for other causes, and only $31,013 for our own accredited work doesn't look or sound good. Strangers seeing the record will think Congregationalists of Minnesota "mighty queer folks." Is it any credit to a man or church to boast of big contributions for charity when their debts of honor remain unpaid? especially when the obligation is created by a fellowship that was most earnestly sought and granted in good faith?

Congregationalists created our seven Societies, every man or church that comes into the Congregational fellowship assumes a moral obligation to do a fair share toward the support of these societies. Through the conferences, state association, and church representatives, they are directly in control of their policy and work. The churches in National Council created and adopted the apportionment plan as a means of distributing responsibility equitably to all; how can any church or pastor, entering into this fellowship escape the obligation to bear a just share, for the care of its enterprises.

Can any member or pastor of any Minnesota Congregational church with a clear conscience, ignore this direct, voluntarially assumed, obligation, and still pride himself on meeting a liberal home expense or on having given liberally to other benevolence? If there is so much for miscellaneous benevolence and for home expenses, if they don't care to change the dirction of such gifts, surly a sense of justice, and pride will cause enough more to be given to cover a fair share of our obligation for the maintenance of our own National Societies; will this obligation of an even, lightly appreciated fellowship, allow the doing of any less in the discharge of this Christian duty?

Then comes our schools: Minnesota Congregationalists long ago, as one of 17 Central states, assumed obligations for the support of Chicago Theological Seminary. We, as Congregationalists, established Carleton College and later adopted Windom Institute as a preparatory school. These schools for the Christian education of our children and to supply denominational ministers and leaders are ours, voluntarily Congregationalists created and assumed these obligations, which are equal to any other obligations we have. This is the situation in which Congregational people of Minnesota have placed themselves in their partnership with other churches and with God, for the establishment and maintenace of his Kingdom. Their fair share for the seven Societies for 1912, including the W. B. M. I. is $60.000. Or $2.90 for each of our 21,000 resident members. Last year we gave about $1.50 per member, while the average for the country is $3.27 per member,

this ratio that obtains throughout the country would give us $68,670; and thirty years ago the average per capita was $5.17 per member. this in Minnesota would yield $108,570 of real money. We, equally with 17 other central states, have the maintenance of Chicago Seminary to care for. Carleton College and Windom Institute are our private property; no one but our own Congregational people of Minnesota is responsible for their establishment and maintenance.

Such schools, for the training of the future Christian leaders, are equally essential, to Christian society, with the home church. Their maintenance, and that of the seven societies, are with the home church, the paramount obligation of Minnesota Congregationalists. The old standard of giving would bountifully care for all of these and more. Then from our abundant surplus of resources we should help other worthy causes, either Congregational or otherwise.

The shortage of $19,000 of our 1910 apportionment left the societies short, or someone else paid our share. We gave but little to our three schools, Carleton receiving less than $100 from Minnesota Congregational churches in 1910. The $31,013 that our 185 churches gave to our seven National Societies represent an average of $167 per church. While the $21,842 we gave to other Congregational benevolence is an average of $114.00 per church. And by reason of some, who do not recognize the obligation of our fellowship but do give largely to outside causes, and practically nothing to our own, we are charged, in the National Sisterhood of churches, with giving an average of $519 per church to miscellaneous causes, while giving an average of only $167 to our own accredited enterprises.

We thank God for the devoted men and women, and for the churches in this state, who are yet alive and who are a noble band of givers. They by their devotion and loyalty have kept us from utter discouragement and shame, and the foregoing facts are given simply to call the rank and file to see their duty. Most serious difficulty is found in some of the conference committees. They are usually scattered, find it hard to meet, frequently do not realize the importance of their work and are so indifferent that nothing is accomplished. Sometimes they even fail to send out the apportionment to the churches. Either the conference committees must be more prompt in apportioning and effective in their work with the churches, or some different plan must be devised.

We suggest that the local conference apportionment committee be merged with the conference home missionary or fellowship committee, charged with an oversight of the home missionary churches and apportionment. Such a committee should meet at frequent periods, in conference with the home superintendent to consider the local situation in detail, and we recommend that the local member of the State Apportionment Committee, be a member of such Conference Committee. We recommend that all district secretaries of benevolent societies residing in the state be ex-officio members of the State Apportionment Committee. That the Woman's Foreign and Home So-

cieties' treasurers be members of the State Apportionment Committee. The apportionment should reach the churches, from the conference committees, by November first, and we beg of each church to accept it by vote of the church and strive to meet it. We plead for a definite system to be adopted by every church, for an every member canvass of the Sunday School and Parish, by committees of two, who in personal interview with each person will seek a written pledge of a definite amount for each week, and the use of numbered and dated envelopes for its collection; that the expense, for maintenance of the Sunday School be paid by the church, and the Sunday School offerings, through its pledge and envelope system, be divided equally between the church maintenance and its apportionment.

This will establish in the mind and heart of the child a fixed habit of accounting to God for a share of his money; a sense of being a useful part of the whole work, this habit of systematic giving will, when thus established, become a means of consecration, that will grow with age and resources until the child so trained will find no place for desertion from the church. Systematic missionary lessons, one a month, so arranged, by the Pilgrim Press, as to apply to the particular work of one of our National Societies, for the support of which some portion of the child's money goes, and the monthly Missionary sermon especially adapted to the children, and applying to the work, of the same society that the Sunday School lesson applies to; it will create an abiding sense of personal interest and obligation, which when once established is not lightly forgotten, or neglected.

Work with the child and planning for its training will deepen the impression and interest of the adult, so all will realize that the greatest evidence of true Christianity lies in a desire to give, of self, and of our store, for others.

We must be systematic in the work for the Kingdom just as we are in our secular business. It is all God's business, we are his agents. Such a system as above outlined, if generally adopted, will easily produce the full apportionment and disseminate such a general knowledge of our denominational enterprises as will renew and deepen the general interest, and by putting many to work, will create a consecrated religious atmosphere, which many pastors say has caused splendid revivals in their church. We are now only keeping 25% of our Sunday School scholars as active members of our churches.

Your Committee also recommends that the amount of $60,000 be adopted as our fair share of the $2,000,000 to be raised by the churches of this state, in 1912, for the seven societies and the W. B. M. I., and that the amount given be divided on the following basis of percentage:

Foreign work, 38% divided as follows:

A. B. C. F. M.	23%	
W. B. M. I.	15%	
Total Foreign	38%	$22,800

Work in the home land, 62%, including 15%, through the W. H. M. U. divided as follows:

M. C. H. M. S.	32%	$19,200
A. M. A.	7%	4,800
C. B. S.	8%	5,400
C. E. S.	6%	3,600*
C. S. S. & P. S.	7%	3,700
Ministerial Relief	2%	1,200
	100%	$60,000

*2% Windom; 2% Chicago Seminary; 2% National Society.

And recommended that for 1912 the total be apportioned to the conference as follows:

Central Conference	5%	$3,000
Duluth Conference	3%	1,800
Mankato Conference	4%	2,400
Minnesota Valley	4%	2,400
Minneapolis	50%	30,000
Southeastern	15%	9,000
St. Paul	15%	9,000
Western	2%	1,200
Northern Pacific	2%	1,200
Total	100%	$60,000

These are the revised percents to conferences used in 1911.

By order of the Committee.

S. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE FOREGOING PLAN.

The General Congregational Association of Minnesota, in annual meeting assembled, hereby reaffirms its unqualified allegiance and approval of the apportionment plan as applied to the general benevolence of the Congregational church of America.

We believe that in the apportionment plan there is the basis for a closer fellowship and co-operation between the churches that cannot fail to develop a great denominational consciousness.

We wish to commend and to co-operate with the National Council's Apportionment Commission in every possible way, but especially to emphasize the necessity for better and more thorough education and training of our children and people generally in conscientious, systematic giving.

We commend the every member canvass and recommend it be made by committees of two, composed of consecrated men and women, who will by personal call upon every member of the parish, present the work of the church and its enterprises, ask for the written pledge for benevolent gifts, on the basis of a weekly offering and envelope system. This we believe has the greatest educational value and is the best plan yet suggested. We recommend that it be universally adopted.

We believe that the support of the Sunday School should be a paramount obligation of the church; that every member of the Sunday School should be canvassed for a written pledge for a weekly offering; that a characteristic colored envelope, numbered and dated, should be used for its collection, and that the money so given should be equally divided between the home church support and its apportionment for benevolence.

We recommend that the State Apportionment Committee be instructed to secure a Treasurer for Congregational benevolences in Minnesota, and that the churches be urged to send their benevolences to such Treasurer for division and distribution on the above basis of percentages.

We recommend that the expenses of the State Apportionment Committee up to one hundred dollars ($100), be paid by the State Association.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EQUALIZATION OF EXPENSES OF DELEGATES COMING TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION.

This Committee would report that two general plans of attempting to equalize the expenses of delegates coming to the State Associations have been formulated, and that one of these has been outlined in a letter drafted and sent to all of the known addresses of ministers in the Association. This letter is subjoined as a part of our report.

The alternative plan consist in asking each pastor and first delegate from all the churches in the state to accept as personal obligation and be

responsible for paying, the *average* expense of all such pastors and first delegates, thus actually and literally equalizing the expenses of all. This plan would contemplate asking the churches, however, to assume the obligations of these two delegates and thus, after equalizing the expenses, expect the churches rather than the delegates to meet them. A plan of this kind would take some time to inaugurate and it is not altogether to be commended, because it does actually make equal the expenses of the small church and the large church, whereas fairness would suggest that the large churches pay the larger sums. This difficulty is met by the plan outlined in the following letter, but the plan in the letter has the objection of making necessary a contribution from the churches each year, a thing which may not be easy to secure.

However, the plan of contributions has been attempted this year and we hope that the results will justify the plan. But, instead of putting forward either of these two plans for permanent adoption by the Association, we recommend instead that the Committee be continued for another year and they at that time present such plan for adoption as this year's experiment shall seem to justify them in recommending. In the meantime the Committee would invite suggestions from any source.

The following is the letter sent out this year, returns from which are to be applied to reducing the expense of the largest fares.

At the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota held last year at Crookston, the undersigned Commitee was appointed to consider carefully the whole matter of railroad expense on the part of those attending the State Association, and to devise if possible some system by which the expenses of the men coming from the long distances and the expenses of the short distance men might be equalized.

The situation seems to be about as follows: First, the Associations are usually held either at some church in the Twin Cities or in some church not very remote from the Twin Cities. This means, second, that the churches in the extreme north, or the extreme south, or the extreme west of the state have a large item of expense and the churches near the Association center have much less, sometimes no expense whatever. The consequence is, third, either that the delegates of the smaller churches pay the larger bills or else are actually precluded from attendance. This is essentially unjust and indeed actually reverses the proper order, for the churches most remote are the churches most in need of the Association fellowship and least able to avail themselves of it.

The motive for the appointment of this Committee therefore was twofold; First, to correct a palpable injustice; and, Second, to make possible a very much larger attendance at the State Associations. Our State Associations should have in them every year the pastor and at least one delegate from every church in the state, and the delegates coming from farthest distances should have to pay no more than those nearest by. Our State Association then would not be a body of 60 as last year at Crookston, but a

body of from two to four hundred with a strength and dignity commensurate with its great work.

Feeling very keenly the desirability of meeting this situation, the Committee recommends to the churches the following plan for this year, some modification of which will be presented to the Association at Alexandria for permanent adoption. It is greatly hoped that all of the churches and especially the larger churches will make generous response.

It is proposed:

1. That an offering be asked from every church in the state to be sent by their delegates to the Association meeting and put into the hands of this Committee.

2. The pastors and delegates will be asked to name to the Committee their round-trip traveling expenses.

3. The Committee will apply the money contributed to the largest sums of expense, rebating all above a certain sum until the contributed fund is exhausted. This, if A's expense is $5, B's $4, C's $3, D's $2 and E's $1, and the total contributions $6, $3 would be returned to A, $2 to B, one dollar to C, while D and E would simply pay their own fare.

4. The Committee would recommend, however, that this arrangement include only the pastor and one delegate from each church. In case there are other delegates they will meet their own expenses as heretofore.

As a Committee, we cannot over express our sense of the importance of this endeavor, and feel confident that if it is cordially responded to we shall greatly add to the strength and dignity of our State Association and make possible the attendance of pastors and delegates from the more distant churches.

The response of the churches will depend very largely upon the method of presentation by the pastors. Let any method of collection prevail which is best for your individual church, but will you not kindly co-operate with us in securing from your church in some way a generous contribution to this fund?

On the basis of our expectations of response to this letter, and of our ability therefore greatly to reduce all of the larger expenses of pastors and delegates, we feel justified in urging all of the more distant churches as well as those near by to be represented this year in the Alexandria Association.

Cordially yours,

CLEMENT G. CLARKE,
Chairman.
H. P. DEWEY.
C. D. DECKER.
E. S. SLATER.
R. P. HERRICK.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 16, 1911.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

The work of this Committee has been continued in gathering all available printed and manuscript reports, published sermons, proceedings of missionary societies, etc., of the Congregational churches throughout the state, preserving them in the Library of the Minnesota Historical Society. In addition, the files of the 430 state newspapers received and bound by this Society, from nearly all the cities and villages of Minnesota, contain much information of these churches, of their Sunday Schools, and other lines of work.

It is earnestly hoped that some one or more volunteer compilers, either pastors or laymen, who have long participated in the activities of this Association, will take up the task of bringing these materials to publication as a volume similar in size with the very interesting History of Carleton College, which was published seven years ago. Such a book narrating the history of the churches will be useful to show the foundations already laid, and to inspire increased devotion for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom here through the coming years.

WARREN UPHAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION.

The Minnesota Interdenominational Commission has held its customary meetings during the year, proceeded with its preliminary task of securing an adequate understanding of the religious condition of its field and attended to such matters as have been referred to it.

The denominational representation on the board during the year has been of Baptist, Congregational, Free Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian bodies. It will be observed that this is a larger representation than reported in previous years, and that with a broadened basis the possibilities of usefulness to the churches are so much greater.

A single case of conflict in the occupation of territory has been submitted to the Commission by both the interested denominations and adjusted to their mutual satisfaction.

The organization of a National Home Missions Council which includes representatives of the larger denominations, and its proposed meeting in Minneapolis in November, seem likely to be of marked service to the Commission not only in attracting attention to some aspects of its work, but in the aid it is expected to give in the completion of that full survey of the religious condition of the state which seems essential to any other action of value.

We are convinced that the things this Commission was intended to represent by the bodies that created it, namely the finding and curing both of unchurched and overchurched conditions; the securing some denominational responsibility for all the inhabited portion of the state; and the pre-

vention and cessation of the shame and scandal of missionary duplication, are things approved and desired of all the churches.

Because of our more representative membership and the opportunities likely to be presented to us in the coming year, we request the continuance of the representation of each denomination upon the Commission, and that an appropriation be made sufficient for its expenses.

In behalf of the Minnesota Interdenominational Commission.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

There has been no occasion in the year that has called for formal action on the part of the Advisory Board.

Two churches have made appeal to the Secretary that might have required the visit and action of the Board.

In one case it was very clear that any outside interference would only widen a breach which if left alone would be likely to close, as it is hopefully doing at the present time. In the other case there were involved interdenominational interests and reference had already been made to the local denominational bodies.

That part of the work of the board which is of a permanent character, "trying the spirits" and preserving a permanent record of men who at various times seek work in Minnesota has continued in ordinary volume. Twenty-six men have been placed; inquiries of churches have been answered concerning double that number beside, and something over a hundred men have been communicated with concerning pastorates in the state.

Unfortunately for us fully seventy-five per cent of these are men who need and can command a larger amount of support than the churches that need them are prepared to offer.

GEO. R. MERRILL, Secretary.

REPORT OF VISITORS TO CARLETON COLLEGE.

September, 1911.

It would seem that after over Forty Years of Reports and Resolutions at the Annual Meeting of the Association, the history and growth of Carleton College, and the attitude of the churches toward it, should have been irrevocably set long ere this. But, as in the decades past, year by year the visitors appointed have brought before the Association the progress of the College, and in glowing terms have pictured not only its glory as an educational institution, but have eulogized its leaders and those benefactors, whose munificence have made possible its high standing among the similar institutions of

our Commonwealth, so this year your committee, following the policy of its predecessors, offers this report for your consideration.

However well Carleton has succeeded in the past, the glory of *recent* years cannot be credited to the churches of Minnesota. The support from this source has been both limited and uncertain, and to your committee, it seems rather incongruous to continue further this habit of visiting and presenting reports, unless the churches of the State rally and make the relationship between them and the college vital by giving it adequate support. What is the significance of all the resolutions of the past decade? Again and again the Committee on Resolutions have inserted in their reports a minute, pledging the support and cordial co-operation of the churches, yet year after year the financial support from this source has been meagre indeed.

Again and again it has been said, "The churches need the College," and it is true, but not more true than this, "The College needs the churches." But moral support is not enough. There must be the vital, material, monetary strength and energy of the churches, standing solidly back of the College, if its future is to be worthy of its illustrious past.

The present year is big with opportunities for advancement. The spirit of the whole College community is most excellent and harmonious relations between students, faculty (both active and retired) and the citizens of Northfield is most gratifying. President Cowling's absolute frankness and openness, coupled with his convincing optimism, is winning new friends for him wherever he goes, and by his broad sympathy and deep spirituality, he is getting a strong hold upon both his faculty and the student body. An evidence of the cordial relations between the College and citizens of Northfield is found in the fact that this little city of less than 4,000 people recently subscribed $80,000 towards the half million endowment fund. The College is earnestly striving to fit the students for active service in their home churches, and to that end Prof. Hill and the local pastors are co-operating in giving the students a share in the activities of church life. The old style free for all prayer meeting in which students and professors meet on an equal footing on Sunday afternoon, has been revived this year and all the activities of the Y. M. C. A. are starting out well.

The freshman class is the largest in its history, 60 men and 67 women, 127 in all. The other classes are also in keepnig with this record and bespeak the confidence in which it is held by the christian young men and women and their parents throughout the territory it serves. And yet, the present student body is not a proper criterion by which to estimate this confidence, as over one half of the worthy and qualified young women who apply for admission, are turned away for lack of room. And furthermore, the endorsement of the College by the General Education Board, after a most careful and thorough examination of its history, faculty, standards, constituency, and business methods, thereby putting the College in company with the best in the country, should be a matter of special pride, not only to those directly connected with it, but to its friends and the churches generally, and

should inspire them with the spirit of its founders. The General Education Board was founded by John D. Rockefeller in 1902 to administer the income from a very large sum, giving it to aid colleges and universities that meet the requirements of the Board. Early in the present year this Board offered $100,000 to Carleton; provided the sum of $500,000 in cash or pledges is raised on or before July 1st, 1912. The whole amount, if raised, is to be payable in four annual installments.

This is Carleton's crisis, and the churches' opportunity. The early days of Carleton tell of sacrifices, and we ought to be humiliated, when we compare the pittance we give now, with the $16,000 raised by the 66 churches forming the Association which met in Faribault in 1866, which action crystalized the considerations of the two previous years, and gave birth to the College.

Today the College needs a larger and better paid faculty. The number of full Professors is inadequate to the needs, and far below what it ought to be. To provide this larger and better paid faculty, is the main object of the present campaign. The burden of raising a half million dollars is no small task if left to one man. Your committee therefore, would suggest and urge that definite action be taken at this time, and to stimulate such action, would further suggest, that, early in the session a resolution be adopted by the Association, pledging the churches to raise $50,000 during the next four years, as their part in the work. This may seem a large sum, but we can do it if we will, and our other denominational societies need not suffer while we are doing it. We need denominational cohesion in this matter, and there will be no question of its successful outcome. As a suggestion as to HOW it may be done we submit the following: During the four years, 1906, 7, 8, 9, the churches of the state gave to definite Congregational work $204,043 and for other presumably undenominational purposes $70,543. Last year $77,068 went also into undenominational channels. One church gave $20 to Congregational benevolences, but $135 to the Anti-Saloon League. Now, if only about one-half of the money given usually to outside work, over which the denomination has little or no control whatever, were diverted to the amount suggested, the sum of $12,500 a year for four years, would be easily met, and few, if any, would feel the poorer. While as churches we are independent, we are nevertheless, individually responsible for the concerted action of the churches in the past, and we cannot afford to allow these children of the churches to pass beyond our control for lack of support on our part. Let us therefore, appreciate to the full the heritage our fathers have bequeathed to us in Carleton, and not be indifferent to its financial welfare. Let the pastors talk Carleton to their churches, emphasizing its needs, and if placed upon a par with outside but not more worthy objects, we have faith that the churches will do their duty.

What is the college worth to us individually? Do we want for our children the same Christian oversight that we had as young men and women, when in the years gone by we sought to fit ourselves for our life's work, by taking

advanced training in some distant school? If we do, we shall scarcely find it in the large universities, but we can secure this for our children by maintaining the smaller Christian College. With the present progress of our State and other large universities, it will be only a matter of a few years before the need of such colleges as Carleton will be definitely felt by the churches. Let us, one and all, by our prayers, our sympathy, and our money, make this campaign for a larger, better, and more useful Carleton a success.

REV. H. R. HARRIS,
H. J. JAGER,
L. G. MOYER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Presented to the General Congregational Association at Alexandria, September 26, 1911.

It was my privilege to spend two days at the Seminary in the month of April and to be highly pleased with the work I saw there. I attended one or more classes conducted by each of the professors, Davis, Beckwith, Walker, Robinson and Oxtoby and found them doing open-minded, progressive, wholesome constructive work with a student body of strong intellectual and spiritual men of quality.

The teaching, the discussions, the pondering of vexing questions, and all the atmosphere of the class rooms were highly inspiring as one thought of—the churches that await the coming of these leaders. It is readily apparent to a new comer to Minnesota and must be more evident to those longer here that a crying need is for men of seminary training or of modern theological education and no other institution can so well touch our needs as Chicago Seminary. Nevertheless its output is so small as hardly to make any impression in Minnesota. The Seminary *Register* is a quarterly magazine that is mailed to over 2,000 persons in the sixteen constituent states and is worthy of perusal but is usually deposited in the too handy waste basket with great promptness. The Library or Book Number issued in November, 1910, is a pamphlet of real service to those of us situated far from seats of learning. Any minister without theological training desiring to increase his usefulness by study can well select books from that list or better can follow the excellent course of study outlined on page 55 of the regular catalog.

A few words should be said about finances. For instruction, scholarships, maintenance of building, traveling expenses, office work and annuities there is an annual expense of about $50,000. This amount must be raised from the endowments and from the gifts of churches and individuals. Under the

most profitable administration of the income—yielding properties the seminary is able to realize about $38,000 per year. This leaves a balance to be raised from churches and individuals of $12,000 per year or one thousand dollars a month. They have not been able to raise the entire income this year. They say: "The Apportionment Plan cut us out so badly that we have been slowly recovering. What we need is an annual gift from all the churches of our constituency, and if we can receive this under the apportionment plan, it would put us finally in a position where we should have a stable income, until we obtain this we shall be in a dubious situation." We need the seminary. We ought to get more of our young men to attend it. The seminary is worthy of our confidence in every way and is therefore worthy of the steady and sufficient financial support of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. DEVITT.

THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

beg to recommend the following for adoption:

It is our sad duty at this time to record the death of Mrs. Geo. R. Merrill, wife of our State Superintendent. Therefore, be it resolved: That as a State Association, we hereby extend to Dr. Merrill our deepest sympathy and tender affection for him in this hour of sorrow and fervently pray that our father's God comfort and sustain him and prove to him that the grace of God which he has preached to others for so many years will be found sufficient for him in his bereavement.

That we note with interest the favorable report rendered by the visitor to Windom Institute and would recommend to the churches a careful perusal of the same. There are undoubtedly, in many of our churches, young people to whom the Institute could minister in an effective manner if the character of the school were generally understood.

It is with sorrow of heart that we behold the strident advance and the bold attempts of the liquor interests of our own and sister states to dominate politics of both state and nation.

Therfore be it resolved: That as Congregational churches of Minnesota representing nearly 25,000 members do most emphatically protest against the attempt being made to control politics in state and nation and we hereby pledge ourselves not only to protest but to do all we honorably can do to frustrate such political dominance. We also vigorously protest against the official recognition of and the participation in the deliberations of liquor organizations by government officials.

That we express to the pastor and people of the First Congregational Church and to the citizens of Alexandria our hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which they have received and entertained this Association. Their efforts to provide for our comfort and to make our stay pleasant will ever remain a pleasant memory of our visit to their beautiful church and city.

That we are also under obligation to the Alexandria Commercial Club for their contribution to our entertainment. Their generous tender of the ues of their rooms and the preparations made for the automobile tour have added materially to our comfort and pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. SLATER,
T. W. BARBOUR,
R. J. MONTGOMERY.
Committee.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony	Rev. Sherman Hall	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis.	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Secombe	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City	Rev. W. R. Stevens	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D.	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City	Rev. S. H. Barteau	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis	Hon. A. H. Young	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis	Rev. C. W. Merrill	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls	Prof. Geo. Huntington	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D. D.	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis	Rev. J. F. Taintor	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D.	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo	Dean Horace Goodhue	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis	Hon. D. P. Jones	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls	Rev. Alexander Milne	Rev. Herman P. Fisher. Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.: 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Oehler	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.: 14.
51	06	Minneapolis	Dean W. S. Pattee	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LLD., Luke 12: 15.
52	07	New Ulm	Rev. Willis A. Warren	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault	Walter N. Carroll	Rev. Alexander Milne. Hebs. 12; 27.
54	09	Minneapolis	Rev. R. P. Herrick, D. D.	Rev. Harry P. Dewey, D. D. John 1: 14-18.
55	10	Crookston	Pres. Chas. W. Cooper	Rev. Clement G. Clarke, D. D., Luke 6:12.
56	11	Alexandria	Rev. John H. Albert	Prest. Donald J. Cowling, . John 4:8.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1870.
Rev. E. Hall.....1871—1875.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1882—1889.

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901—1910.
" Rev. M. B. Morris.....1910—

ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

1. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Swanville, June 18, 1911.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat, Alexandria.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Secord, Rev. D. G. Moore, Glenwood, and George L. Treat, Alexandria.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	224	Des. Geo. L. Treat	Alfred A. Secord.
Big Lake	78	Albert J. Johnson	W. C. Scott.
Burtrum	28	Mrs J. M. Ward	H. T. Krausey.
Cable	29	Mrs. M. Scherfenberg (a)	
Clarissa	12	Mrs. L. D. Thayer	
Clearwater	68	Mrs. Carrie M. Finch	Paul Winter.
Culdrum, (Swedish)	24	J. A. Rylander (b)	John P. Johnson (c)
Glenwood	130	Mrs. Alice Grant	David Y. Moore.
Hasty, Clearwater	13		Paul Winter.
Little Falls	190	Miss Sadie Fuller	Walter H. North.
Little Falls, (Swedish)	4	Catheryine Kling	Albert Peterson (Lic.)
Monticello	95		Henry Holmes (d)
Orrock	4	Miss Grace Craig	
Paynesville	50		
Pillsbury			H. T. Krausey (e)
Round Prairie	61	Howard F. Copp	James F. Locke.
St. Cloud	87	Louis Olson	Ernest V. Bjorkland.
Sauk Center	190	James A. Norris	Horace L. Wiley.
Sauk Rapids	67	James Brown	
Swanville	10		
Upsala	108	Gust Nelson	M. N. Wickholm.
Villard	70		
Wondel Brook	80		S. Arquist, Rose Creek.

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II. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Biwabic, May 28, 1912.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth.

HOME MISSIGNARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Alexander Milne, Dr. C. W. Bray, Rev. G. Phil. Sheridan.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitken	66	A. L. Hamilton	
Backus	27	Mrs. A. L. Miller	A. G. Parks.
Biwabic	35	Dr. Chas. W. Bray	Harry R. Harris.
Brainerd, First	123	Christian Bruyn	Geo. P. Sheridan.
Brainerd, Peoples	48	Mr. E. H. Green	W. J. Horner, Lic.
Duluth, Pilgrim	423	Brewer Mattocks, Jr.	Alexander Milne.
Duluth, West, Plymouth	58	Roger M. Weaver	
Grand Marais	17	James G. Scott	
Hackensack	18	Wm. E. Bodenhofer	
Hill City	11		
Walker	21		Geo. Michel.

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III. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: New Richland, May 28, 1912.

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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Edward Constant, Fairmont, Geo. A. Sutherland, Fairmont, Thomas A. Hughes, Mankato.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade	84	Mrs. F. Jefferson, (aa)	
Center Chain	18	Miss Myra L. Shipman	
Ceylon	31	Mrs. Henry Christensen	
Edgerton	79	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	
Ellsworth	16	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	
Elmore	170	Clarence O'Hara	
Fairmont	194	Mrs. A. Hyatt Smith	Edward Constant.
Freeborn	75	Mrs. Abbey Olson (ee)	James L. Jones, (cc)
Freedom	20	George Geary	
Granada	43	W. H. Gaugh	John Imley.
Kasota	45	Thure Johnson	Henry Erickson.
Mankato, First	180	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	Edgar L. Heermance.
Mankato, Second	63	Richard Sandell	
Mapleton	87	Mrs. L. W. Kruger	
Mattewan	21	Mrs. Ed. Weise, (ee)	James L. Jones, (cc)
New Richland	38	Mrs. C. A. Wagner	James L. Jones.
St. Clair	25	Miss Ada Fields	Supplied.
Salem, Cambria	79	E. L. Harris, (bb)	
Sherburn	63	Mrs. F. B. Bellenhausen	
Waseca	148	Mr. W. A. Fetterberg	Robert E. Roberts.
Worthington	147	Dea. George O. Moor	

(aa) Mankato P. O. (ee) New Richland P. O.
(bb) New Ulm, R. D. 5. (cc) Wells, R. F. D.

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IV. MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Minneapolis, May 8, 1912.

REGISTRAR: C. J. Swain, Excelsior.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: E. S. Slater, H. K. Painter, S. B. Nelson, C. D. Decker, C. J. Swain.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMB.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	190	Edward L. Curial	Matt Evans.
Brownton	58	Mrs. John S. West	T. A. Hawkes.
Elk River	160	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	Frank Atkinson.
Excelsior	197	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Carl J. Swain.
Fair Oaks, Anoka R. F. D.-4	16	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	
Gaylord	41	Miss Lydia A. Strebel	Supplied.
Glencoe	158	L. W. Gilbert	F. L. V. Meske.
Groveland	9	Mrs. Ida C. Waters (a)	
Hutchinson	146	Arthur W. Mergen	C. L. Hill.
Milaca	30	Mr. O. C. Myron	W. A. Borst, (Lic.)
Minnewashta	42	Clarence R. Empsy (b)	C. J. Swain.
Minneapolis—First	655	H. E. Blackburn	Clement G. Clarke.
" Plymouth	1053	Seavey M. Bailey	Harry P. Dewey.
" Park Avenue	679	G. W. Teitsworth	Samuel B. Nelson.
" Pilgrim	589	E. C. Scarborough	John P. Miller.
" Vine	184	Helen Irene Lockwood	Omer G. Mason.
" Como Avenue	176	Mrs. J. Houghtaling	Hobart K. Painter.
" Union, St. Louis Park	64	Mrs. S. F. Hamilton	L. F. MacDonald.
" Open Door	67	Mrs. Maud D. Whitcomb	W. J. Haly.
" Lyndale	554	Dana P. Foster	Frederick A. Foote.
" Fremont Avenue	184	Joseph A. Bacheller	Edward A. Drake.
" Fifth Avenue	390	Albert M. Burch	Perry A. Sharpe.
" Mizpah, Hopkins	45	Mrs. H. C. Truman	James Earl.
" Bethany	102	John Hodsgon	Supplied.
" Robbinsdale	93	Henry A. Morse	James E. Ball.
" Lowry Hill	355	Adelbert H. Taylor	Frank Newhall White.
" Lyndhurst	96	William C. Holbrook	J. W. Cool.
" Oak Park	145	William J. Steinmetz	Clement C. Campbell.
" Forest Heights	193	Miss C. Monica Ralph	Supplied.
" Temple, Swedish	383	Geo. Anderson	Alfred P. Engstrom.
" Thirty-Eighth St.	110	H. E. Roettger	Wm. E. Meinzer.
" Edina	81	Mrs. Jennie Cooper (c)	W. W. Davis, (Lic.)
" Linden Hills	334	J. Frank Campbell	William H. Medlar.
" Minnehaha	42	Mrs. Earle M. Birdsahl	Eli C Lyons.
Morningside			W. W. Davis, (Lic.)
New Brighton	31	Shirley W. Reasoner	E. D. Parsons.
Princeton	107	Mrs. Phoebe Borden	James O. Fisher.
Sandstone	16	August Walden	
Silver Lake	101	Joseph V. Uherka	Edmund Wibitzky.
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	45		
Stewart	24	Mrs. Laura Eynon	Thomas A. Hawkes (d)
Wayzata	92	Mrs. Mary Linscor	Wilbur N. Payne.

(a) Hopkins (b) Eureka (c) Minneapolis (d) Brownton

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V. MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Montevideo, June 11, 1912.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, Benson; F. C. Robins, Benson; A. G. Young, Campbell.

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Preacher, Cyrus Northrop, D.D.,
Alternate, Rev. Theo. S. Devitt.

Place of Next Meeting.

(First Tuesday in October.)

COMMITTEES AND VISITORS FOR 1912-1913

Standing committees marked with a *.

*Committee on Carleton College—Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona; Prof. James J. Dow, Faribault; Thomas Hughes, Mankato.

*Corporate Members of American Board—Rev. Frank N. White, Lowry Hill Church, Minneapolis; L. A. Huntoon, Moorhead.

*Committee on Finance and Printing—L. L. Dodge, Chairman, Globe Building, one year; S. E. Kellerman, Atlantic Church, St. Paul, two years; J. B. Harker, Park Avenue Church, Minneapolis, three years.

*Auditor—J. D. Humphrey, St. Paul, 624 Central Park Place.

*Board of Trustees of "Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota"—Judge Willard R. Cray, Chairman; John M. McBride, *one year;* Harlan P. Roberts, Maurice B. Morris, Secy. and Treas., *two years;* David P. Jones, Robert P. Herrick, *three years.*

*State Apportionment Committee—Rev. W. H. Medlar, Chairman; *Minneapolis Association,* Rev. P. A. Sharpe, Fifth Avenue Church, Minneapolis; *Central,* Rev. A. A. Secord, Alexandria; *Duluth,* Rev. H. R. Harris Biwabik; *Mankato,* Rev. A. G. Young, Mapleton; *Minnesota Valley,* Rev. Walter M. Swann, Montevideo; *Northern Pacific,* Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, Wadena; *St. Paul,* Rev. W. J. Robb, Atlantic Church, St. Paul; *Southeastern,* Rev. H. E. Chapman, Waterville; *Western,* Rev. E. F. Wheeler, New Ulm.

*Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society—*Directors for three years,* Geo. H. Elwell, First Church, Minneapolis; Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Marshall; J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; President Donald J. Cowling, Northfield; Mrs. E. A. Tupper, representing W. H. M. U.

Directors for two years—L. G. Moyer, Montevideo; Geo. L. Treat, Alexandria; E. S. Slater, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis; Rev. E. L. Herrmance, Mankato.

Directors for one year—Rev. Parley P. Womer, Park Church, St. Paul; Fred B. Hill, Northfield; Mrs. C. J. Hunt, representing W. H. M. U.; Dr. L. C. Weeks, Detroit; Horace Goodhue, Northfield; Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul.

Voting Members to Congregational Home Missionary Society—Lowell E. Jepson, Pilgrim Church, Minneapolis; Rev. Samuel G. Smith, People's Church, St. Paul, and the three delegates elected to the National Council, i. e., J. P. Miller, David P. Jones, Prof. Fred B. Hill.

*Representatives on Interdenominational Commission—Rev. H. K. Painter, Como Ave. Church, Minneapolis; Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis.

*Business Committee—Rev. W. C. A. Waller, Lake City, *three years;* Rev. Frank N. White, Lowry Hill Church, Minneapolis, *two years;* Rev. J. P. Miller, Pilgrim Church, Minneapolis, *one year.*

*Committee on Preservation of Church Property—Frederick W. Reed, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis; D. D. Webster, Lowry Hill Church, Minneapolis; Rev. Geo. P. Merrill, Forest Heights Church.

*Committee on Brotherhood Work—Harry A. Williams, Minneapolis; A. J. Nason, St. Paul; J. W. Prince, Duluth.

*Committee on Preservation of Historical Matter—Warren Upham, Plymouth Church, St. Paul, *one year;* Rev. Jas. W. Strong, Northfield, *two years;* Thomas Hughes, Mankato, *three years.*

*Directors of Anti-Saloon League—Wm. A. Koon, Fifth Ave. Church, Minneapolis; Rev. Everett Lesher, Merriam Park Church, St. Paul.

*State Advisory Board—Rev. Frank E. Knopf, Austin, *one year;* Rev. H. A. Kernan, Moorhead, *two years;* Rev. J. P. Miller, Pilgrim Church, Minneapolis, *three years;* Rev. R. E. Roberts, Waseca, *four years.*

And Home Missionary Superintendent—*Ex-officio.*

*Visitor to Chicago Seminary—Rev. Edwin B. Dean, Northfield.

*Visitors to Windom College—Rev. H. A. Kernan, Moorhead; Rev. W. A. Bockhoven, Marshall.

*Sunday School Committee—Rev. Edward A. Drake, Fremont Ave. Church, Minneapolis, *one year;* J. M. Anderson, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, *two years;* W. A. Buchanan, Olivet Church, St. Paul, *three years.*

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION

I. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Alexandria—Rev. Alfred A. Secord, Mrs. A. A. Secord, Mrs. H. J. Boyd.

Clearwater—Rev. Paul Winter, Mrs. C. M. Finch.

Little Falls—Rev. Frank Atkinson, Mrs. Jennie Lind Blanchard, Mrs. E. J. Richie.

Monticello—B. M. Baker.

Sauk Center—Mrs. F. B. Rowe.

II. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

Brainerd, First—Rev. George Phil. Sheridan.

Biwabik—Rev. Harry R. Harris, George Miners.

III. MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Ellsworth—Rev. Ellen Petty Cox.

Fairmont—Mrs. A. G. Crooker.

Freeborn—Rev. R. P. Upton, Mrs. C. A. Peters, Mrs. R. P. Upton, visitor.

Mankato, First—Rev. Edgar L. Herrmance, Thomas Hughes, Mrs. Thos. Hughes.

Mapleton—Rev. Arthur G. Young, Mrs. A. G. Young.

Sherburn—Mrs. G. R. Hamden.

St. Charles—E. P. Howe.

Waseca—Rev. R. E. Roberts, Mrs. Charles Riegal, Mrs. Charles M. Hawkes, W. A. Clement.

IV. MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

Anoka—Rev. Matt Evans.

Elk River—Rev. W. M. Evans.

Excelsior—Rev. C. J. Swain, Mrs. C. J. Swain, H. H. Whitmore, Mrs. H. H. Whitmore.

Glencoe—L. W. Gilbert, Mrs. L. W. Gilbert, O. Simmons, Mrs. O. Simmons.

Groveland—Rev. H. C. Payne, Mrs. H. C. Payne.

Minneapolis—Como Avenue, Rev. H. K. Painter, James T. Elwell, Mrs. James T. Elwell, Chas. M. Way, Mrs. Chas. M. Way; *First Church*, Prof. H. T. Eddy, Mrs. H. T. Eddy, Mrs. L. C. Roth; *Plymouth Church*, Rev. Harry P. Dewey, Marie L. de Mars, C. A. Barton, Mrs. C. A. Barton, Luther Ford, Mrs. Luther Ford, Hon. David P. Jones, W. W. Morse, J. H. Palmer, Mrs. J. H. Palmer, Frederick W. Reed, Mrs. Frederick W. Reed, Edwin S. Slater, Mrs. Edwin S. Slater, Mrs. Cyrus W. Wells, A. H. Ranney, Mrs. A. H. Ranney, W. F. Black, Mrs. W. F. Black; *Park Avenue Church*, Miss Bertha Hanneman, Edward T. Teitsworth, Mrs. E. A. Tupper; *Pilgrim Church*, Rev. J. P. Miller, Miss Cora Bisbee, Mrs. George C. Howser, Hon. Lowell E. Jepson, Mrs. Lowell E. Jepson, Frank W. Lauderdale, Maggie M. Lauderdale, H. N. Leighton, S. W. Pond, Fannie I. Pond, Chas. H. Wingate, Mrs. Chas. H. Wingate; *Lyndale Church*, Mrs. H. C. Dunton; *Fremont Avenue Church*,

Rev. E. A. Drake, Mrs. F. W. Hewitt, Eleanore Kilgore; *Fifth Avenue Church,* Rev. Perry A. Sharpe, A. M. Burch, C. D. Decker, T. M. Joy, Mrs. T. M. Joy, J. M. McBride; *Mizpah Church,* Rev. James Earl; *Lowry Hill Church,* Rev. Frank Newhall White, Rev. Henry B. Beard, Mrs. D. D. Webster; *Lynnhurst Church,* Rev. James W. Cool; *Forest Heights Church,* Rev. Geo. Plumer Merrill, Anna G. Newstrom. Mrs. W. B. Northrup, Miss C. Monica Ralph; *Linden Hills Church,* Rev. Ernest E. Day, Mrs. W. H. Medlar, Mrs. Geo. W. Rathburn; *Minnehaha Church,* Rev. E. C. Lyons.

Robbinsdale, First Congregational—Rev. J. E. Ball, Mrs. Geo. Nash, Mrs. E. Petelar, Mrs. H. R. Stillman, Mrs. J. H. Morse, visitor.

St. Louis Park Church—Rev. Lawrence F. McDonald, Mrs. A. T. Hamilton, Mrs. N. A. Shepard.

Morningside and Edina—Rev. Edward W. Hale, Mrs. M. E. Cooper.

Princeton—Rev. James O. Fisher.

Wayzata—Rev. Wilbur N. Payne, George P. Connolly, M.D., Miss Lettie M. Crafts.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

Montevideo—Rev. Walter M. Swann, C. E. Buswell,

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Ada—Rev. Horatio H. Symons, Mrs. F. L. Hampson.

Argyle—Rev. A. M. Asadoorian.

Bagley.—Rev. Samuel S. Heghin.

Detroit, First Church—L. C. Weeks, Mrs. L. C. Weeks.

Moorhead—Rev. Henry Arthur Kernen, Mrs. H. A. Kernen, John Costain, Mrs. John Costain.

Wadena—Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby.

VII. SAINT PANL ASSOCIATION.

Cannon Falls—Rev. Horace S. Wiley, Mrs. H. S. Wiley, Bessie L. Brooks, Miss Grace M. Barton, Mrs. Mary C. Engstrom.

Cottage Grove—Rev. H. J. Taylor.

Faribault—Walter M. Nutting, F. M. Pierce, E. G. Nutting.

Lake City—Rev. W. C. A. Waller. Florence B. Hubbard, Mrs. J. W. Kingsley.

Northfield—Rev. Edwin B. Dean, Mrs. E. B. Dean, J. C. Cowper, Mrs. John Street, Harriet R. Mussey, N. Parsons.

St. Paul—Atlantic, Rev. W. J. Robb; *Belle,* Mrs. William Kehue; *Bethany,* R. L. Robbins, Jr.; *German Peoples,* Rev. E. L. F. Warkentien; *Olivet,* Charles J. Hunt, Mrs. Charles J. Hunt, Ella M. Patterson; *Park,* Rev. P. P. Womer, Mrs. R. M. Dunlap; *Peoples,* Frank L. Powers; *Plymouth,* Rev. J. H. Albert, J. D. Humphrey, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey; *Pacific,* Rev. Elmer H. Myers; *St. Anthony Park,* Mrs. M. B. Whitney, Mrs. E. C. Flagg; *South Park,* Rev. Maurice B. Morris, Mrs. M. B. Morris; *University Ave.,* Rev. O. C. Clark, Mrs. O. C. Clark.

Stillwater—Elmer W. Benedict, Licentiate.

VIII. SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE.

Austin—Rev. F. E. Knopf, Mrs. F. H. Bennett.

Dexter—Mrs. T. L. Woodford.

Dodge Center—Rev. Colin Bain.

Grand Meadows and Dexter—Rev. John H. Hughes, Mrs. C. W. Martin.

Lyle—Rev. Samuel Johnson.

Mantorville—Rev. A. C. Woodcock, Mrs. A. C. Woodcock, Eva Randall Smith.

Morristown—J. M. Rohrer.

Owatonna—Rev. Alfred E. Gregory, Mrs. C. E. Fuller, H. J. Jager, J. A. Sawyer, Mrs. N. A. Sawyer, Alt. P. J. Sheldon.

Plainview—Rev. H. C. Todd.

Rochester—Rev. R. T. Bayne, W. J. Eaton, Mrs. R. G. Nelson.

Stewartville—Rev. John J. Hales,

Waterville—Rev. H. E. Chapman, Mrs. R. C. St. Germaine, Miss Fannie Wortin.

Winona—First, Rev. Theophilus S. Devitt, Mrs. T. S. Devitt, Mrs. W. D. Abbott.

Zumbrota—Rev. John Hayes Barnett.

IX. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Garvin—Rev. Wm. R. McClane.

Marshall—C. E. Persons, Mrs. H. W. Schroder.

New Ulm—Deacon Alexander Russell.

Springfield—Rev. O. M. Snyder.

St. Charles—Mrs. A. F. Knebler.

Walnut Grove—W. B. Goodsell.

Winthrop—Mrs. O. A. Barnes.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Rev. W. J. Conard, *General Missionary Southwestern Minn., Marshall, Minn.*

Rev. Donald J. Cowling, *President Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.*

Rev. David Donovan, *Dundas, Minn.*

Rev. R. P. Herrick, *Supt. Congl. S. S. and Pub. Society, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Rev. W. H. Medlar, *Chairman State S. S. Committee, Minnenapolis, Minn.*

Prof. Fred B. Hill, *Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.*

Rev. T. W. Howard, *Rainy River District.*

Rev. George Huntington, *Northfield, Minn.*

Rev. George R. Merrill, *Supt. Home Missionary Society, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Rev. James W. Strong, *President Emeritus, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.*

Rev. A. H. Tebbets, *Hopkins.*

Rev. Edward M. Williams, *Northfield, Minn.*

Rev. W. L. Sutherland, *Cong'l S. S. and Pub. Society, Detroit, Minn.*

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY MORNING.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota was called to order by the Moderator, Hon. David P. Jones of Minneapolis, in the First Congregational Church of Northfield, on Tuesday, October the first, at 10:45 a. m. Rev. W. J. Robb of St. Paul conducted the opening devotional service, following which Rev. Geo. Plumer Merrill was elected Assistant Scribe. The report of the Business Committee was presented by Rev. J. P. Miller and adopted.

Owing to the absence of the members of the Committee on Finance and Printing, Rev. M. B. Morris was asked to read the report which after discussion was adopted by the Association. Mr. Morris also read his reports as referred to Committee on Finance and Printing. See page 15.

The Rev. F. B. Dean, pastor of the entertaining church, explained the arrangements that had been made for visiting delegates, and Mr. C. E. Buswell spoke briefly regarding Windom College. The appointed Visitors to Chicago Seminary and Carleton College not being ready to report, new business was called for and Mr. T. H. Colwell spoke in behalf of "Congregational Minnesota," pleading for a more hearty response among the churches of the state.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Nominations: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. H. E. Chapman, Mr. J. M. McBride, Dr. L. C. Weeks, Rev. W. J. Robb. The session adjourned at noon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-convened at 2 p. m., the Moderator presiding. After singing a hymn, Dr. Geo. R. Merrill spoke of the recent death of two Minnesota pastors, Rev. L. D. Arnold of Appleton, and the Rev. Alexander Milne of Duluth.

Rev. F. N. White led in prayer and then delivered the first of three devotional addresses. Topic, "Spiritual Mindedness is Life." After another season of prayer, a solo, "Bearing the Cross," was sung by Mr. Warren.

The report of the State Advisory Board was presented by its Secretary. It was received and placed on file. The report of the Interdenominational Commission was read by Rev. Geo. R. Merrill. It was voted that the report be received and its recommendation that $150 be allowed for next year's work be referred to the Committee on Finance and Printing.

At this time the Moderator, Hon. David P. Jones, delivered the annual address of the association, herein printed in full, see page 19; Secretary W. W. Newell followed in the interests of the C. C. B. Society.

At 5 p. m. upon recommendation of the Business Committee ten minutes apiece were given to Mr. P. J. Youngdahl of the Anti-Saloon League, and to C. C. Merrill, Secretary of the Committee of the National Council on the Apportionment Plan.

TUESDAY EVENING

The evening service began at 7:30, with the Moderator in the chair. Devotional service, led by Rev. Paul Winter of Clearwater.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. F. E. Knopf of Austin, from John 5:19. After music by the church quartette, the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. P. P. Womer and Rev. T. S. Devitt, and the usual offering taken for the Ministerial Relief Society, amounting to $64.14. The session adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Missionary Society was opened with a devotional service, led by Rev. John A. Hughes of Grand Meadow, Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. C. A. Waller in the chair. By motion, the Scribes and Nominating Committee of the Association were requested to serve for the Missionary Society. The Superintendent presented Rev. F. T. Bastel from the New York office, who has been "loaned" to Minnesota for special work in the northern part of the state. The Society then listened to a paper by the Superintendent, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, entitled "Methods and Aims, with a Review of the Missionary Year." See page 29.

Miss Miriam L. Woodberry, Secretary of the Woman's Department of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, followed with an address upon "Woman's Work in the Homeland."

The closing address was given by Rev. James W. Cool of Minneapolis on "The Call of the Minnesota Cities."

Adjournment was taken until 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Minnesota Missionary Society re-convened at 1:45 p. m., with the Moderator in the chair. Rev. Matt Evans of Anoka presented to Moderator D. P. Jones for the library of Carleton College, a copy of Bishop Jewell's works published in 1609, and once owned by Richard Baxter.

The State Association immediately convened and Rev. F. N. White gave his second devotional address; his subject being "The Keynote of Jesus Life." Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, Secretary of the Congregational Brotherhood, spoke upon "The Brotherhood, the Social Agency of the Congregational Churches." "Neighborhood Evangelism" was the subject of an address by Rev. R. P. Herrick. See page 45. He was followed by Rev. W. J. Conard, who spoke briefly upon the same theme. "Northern Minnesota Problems" were presented by Rev. W. L. Sutherland.

The annual report of the Sunday School Committee was given by its chairman, Rev. W. H. Medlar, and Rev. E. A. Drake followed with an address entitled "Workmen that Need not be Ashamed."

The Business Committee presented the following request: The Committee on Church Property of the National Council make the following re-

quest: We ask your State Conference to appoint a State Committee, one member of which shall be an experienced attorney, and that this Committee shall secure a list of unused property and make faithful and persistent effort to secure for denominational uses within the state the proceeds of such property." It was granted, and referred to the Committee on Nominations. (See Committee on Preservation of Church Property.)

The Association then adjourned, and the Minnesota Missionary Society immediately re-convened.

The Nominating Committee presented its nominations for Directors of the Society. It was voted that the by-laws be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Society for their election, which was done.

The following recommendations were made by the Nominating Committee, all of which were adopted. 1. Resolved, That the Board of Directors be duly authorized to fill all vacancies arising in its own membership and that the members so chosen shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Minnesota Missionary Society. 2. Resolved, That the Minnesota Missionary Society pay the traveling expenses of the Directors when attending the board meetings. 3. Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Minnesota Missionary Society furnish the Association with a printed annual report and that the same be ready for distribution at the annual meeting of said Association and afterwards printed in the annual report of the Association. 4. Resolved, That in the minutes of the Association the names of all the members of the committees be printed and that the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Association and that of the Minnesota Missionary Society with charter of same be also printed. The session adjourned at 5:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening session began at 7:30, Moderator D. P. Jones in the chair. Rev. H. A. Kernan of Moorhead conducted the devotions. The three addresses of the session were delivered by Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, District Secretary of the American Board, who spoke upon the "World Movements of Our Times," Miss Mary Porter of China, whose subject was "China's New Day," and Mr. R. S. Phillips, a representative of the Missionary Volunteers of Carleton College, who spoke for that organization and also regarding the religious opportunities afforded at the College at the present time. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was convened by the Moderator promptly at 9 o'clock. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Colin Bain of Dodge Center. The reports of the Secretary of the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota and also of the Treasurer were presented by M. B. Morris, and by vote were received and placed on file. (See page 16.) Rev. T. S. Devitt reported on Chicago Seminary. The Committee on State Appor-

tionment through its Chairman, Mr. Calvin Decker, made a report which was upon motion received and placed on file. (See page 49.) It was voted that the Nominating Committee bring in nominations for the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League. Mr. H. N. Page of Northfield spoke on "The Financial Side of Church Life."

At 10:55 the theme, "The Church and Education," was presented by Rev. B. S. Winchester of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. The final address of the morning was given by Rev. F. M. Sheldon of Madison, Wisconsin, on the topic, "What Shall the Congregational Churches of Minnesota do for Their Students in the State University?"

Election of officers was taken up and Medlar, Hughes and Sutherland were appointed tellers.

By vote it was recommended that the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Missionary Society employ Rev. W. H. Medlar for a period of two months to do special work among the churches in the interest of the Apportionment Plan. Adjournment was taken at 12:15.

THURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was begun at 1:30 with Assistant Moderator Rev. W. C. A. Waller in the chair. A resolution regarding the recognition services for graduates of the Teacher Training Courses was referred to the Business Committee. The report of the Committee on Carleton College was received and placed on file. The report of the Committee on Place and Preacher was read and adopted. The Place, Olivet Church, St. Paul. The Preacher, President Emeritus Cyrus Northrup of the University. Alternate, Rev. T. S. Devitt of Winona. It was voted that the Treasurer of Benevolences be a member of the Apportionment Committee. Committee on Resolutions reported, see page 67.

After two informal ballots, it was voted that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote for Dr. H. P. Dewey for Moderator for next year, which was done. In the same way Rev. H. K. Painter was elected Assistant Moderator, and Rev. George Plumer Merrill, Scribe.

The afternoon devotional period was again taken by Rev. F. N. White, who spoke upon "The Glad Tidings of Great Joy." Principal C. E. Buswell of Windom College spoke upon "Christian Education in Western Minnesota," and was followed by Prof. Frank G. Ward of Chicago Seminary, whose address was upon "The Progressive Spirit and the Churches."

At the suggestion and under the leadership of the Moderator, the Association readily subscribed $525 to be paid immediately into the treasury of the Minnesota Missionary Society. President Donald G. Cowling spoke regarding the recent campaign which raised $600,000 for Carleton College.

Mr. Geo. J. Anderson of the Congregationalist was introduced and spoke briefly. It was voted that we proceed to informally ballot for three delegates to the National Council. After some balloting, the Secretary was instructed

to cast the unanimous ballot of the Association for the following: Rev. J. P. Miller, Hon. David P. Jones, and Prof. Fred B. Hill, and for the following Alternates: Hon. L. E. Jepson, Hon. C. M. Way, and Dr. H. P. Dewey, which was done. Rev. J. P. Miller gave notice of the following amendment to the Constitution which will be presented to the Association at its next meeting: "That the word 'Association' be changed to 'Conference' in the name of this body."

On motion of Rev. J. P. Miller the Association voted to appropriate $100 for the expenses of the Apportionment Committee.

It was voted: "That the Minnesota Congregational Association puts on record its appreciation of the unselfish work of Mr. T. H. Colwell, in making possible the publication of our state paper, "Congregational Minnesota," and that we commend the paper to the Congregational churches of the State, and urge its support by each parish."

Owing to the fact that but few were left in the audience it was voted that the Moderator, Scribe, Chairman of the Business Committee and the Secretary examine and pass upon the minutes of the Association. At 5:30 p. m. the Association adjourned and proceeded to Sayles-Hill Gymnasium as the guests of Carleton College.

DAVID P. JONES, Moderator
WILBUR N. PAYNE, Scribe

M. B. MORRIS, Secretary.
REV. J. P. MILLER, Chairman Business Committee.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA. REPORT OF TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Cash October 1, 1911	$7.68	
Received from Central Association, Balance 1911	45.00	
Central Association on assessment of 1912	45.00	
Duluth Conference on assessment of 1912	47.76	
Mankato in full for 1912	96.00	
Minneapolis Association, balance for 1911	255.00	
Minneapolis Association on assessment of 1912	140.00	
Minnesota Valley, balance 1911	52.00	
Northern Pacific, balance assessment 1911	27.00	
Northern Pacific, on assessment of 1912	22.00	
St. Paul Association, balance on 1911	4.00	
St. Paul Association, on assessment 1912	160.00	
South Eastern Association, balance 1911	68.00	
South Eastern Association, on assessment 1912	82.00	
Western Conference, balance 1911	15.21	
Western Conference, on assessment 1912	43.79	
		$1,110.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing minutes and mailing	$204.94	
Printing 1,000 Federation blanks and envelopes	3.00	
300 tension envelopes for state minutes	4.50	
Printing 250 circular letters and mailing	13.50	
State assessments paid treasurer National Council	673.29	
Exchange	1.40	
Envelopes and stamps for schedules, post cards and rubber stamp	12.75	
Committee expenses		
Salary of Secretary and Treasurer	150.00	
Incidental Expenses of Secretary and Treasurer	35.11	
		$1,099.49
Cash on hand		10.95
		$1,110.44

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

Audited by
W. I. WINGATE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

All bills reported to the Treasurer have been approved by the committee and will be found in Treasurer's report as audited. There is a balance in Treasury of $10.95 and enough dué from the Conferences to pay all expenses until April, 1913.

The estimate of expenses for year 1913 is as follows:

National Council	$675.00
Printing and distributing minutes	225.00
Salary of Secretary	150.00
Expenses of Advisory Board	40.00
Other Committees	75.00
Expenses of Secretary and Incidentals.	71.45
Total	$1,236.45

For meeting this estimate your committee recommend an assessment of five and a half cents per member apportioned among the Conferences as follows:

Central Association	$88.03
Duluth Conference	42.46
Mankato Association	81.90
Minneapolis Association	453.53
Minnesota Valley Association	58.74
St. Paul Association	237.76
Northern Pacific Association	80.68
Southeastern Association	143.30
Western Conference	50.05
Total	$1,236.45

W. B. GEERY,
ROBERT L. POLLOCK,
W. B. NORTHROP,
Committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

For the year ending September 30, 1912.

The Board of Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota greet the State Association in its annual meeting, with gratitude to God for another good year.

A generous contribution from State Association Local Conferences and Associations in advance of former years in their contributions, and *all* heard from. Larger gifts from more churches and the W. H. M. U. of Minnesota, as usual, generous in their gifts. In addition to the thirty-six churches who mailed checks to our Treasurer direct, there are not less than eighteen others who have sent sums of money through the Treasurer of W. H. M. U. and by Mr. J. H. Palmer of Minneapolis, making in all fifty-four churches supporting the Ministerial Relief Society. And when I come to speak of personal gifts and bequests, I ask myself, What shall I say? Surely God hath wrought great things for us, and that "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Unto Him be glory in the church through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

First in the list of givers this year is the name of our beloved Doctor James W. Strong, D. D., President Emeritus of Carleton College, who, by the grace of God is with us unto this present.

A year ago we reported another large gift which came to us from the Estate of the late Miron W. Skinner, also of Northfield, who remembered in his will the aged minister and his widow in sickness and old age. And recently a letter came from Winona in which was enclosed a gift from the family of the late William H. Laird of that city, the same to be used as a nucleus of an endowment fund for the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota, in accordance with Mr. Laird's desire. A special day of May, 1912, with entire Board in attendance, and the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota, having received through Mr. Fred S. Bell, Administrator of the Estate of William H. Laird, the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) as a bequest from Mr. Laid for the help of aged and disabled Congregational Ministers and their families, does hereby express its profound gratitude on behalf of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota for this large gift toward the care of aged and infirm among our Congregational brethren.

RESOLVED, That in accepting this gift the Minnesota Ministerial Relief Society adopts a new policy in combining this amount with other similar amounts toward the inauguration of an endowment fund of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) the interest of which shall secure for all time the ministry of christly help to those who have laid aside the pursuit of wealth

in the service of the Church and come to old age without due provision for the exigencies which accumulate with growing years.

In conveying these resolutions allow us to express our sense of your generous attitude in this matter and the hope that our special use of this fund will meet with the approval of the family of the dear brother, deceased, the late William H. Laird.

A copy of the foregoing resolutions was mailed to Mr. Bell of Winona. Administrator of the Estate of William H. Laird, and in reply, Mr. Bell wrote as follows:

"Mr. Laird's people are all gratified with the information given by your letter as to the form in which this contribution will be used. We all trust that the endowment fund for 'Ministerial Relief' will rapidly grow to the amount you name. I cannot conceive that appreciation for this gift could have taken a form more closely in accord with Mr. Laird's wishes.

Yours very truly,

F. S. BELL."

A Finance Committee consisting of Judge Willard R. Cray, Walter N. Carroll and Hon. David Percy Jones was appointed, in whose care for safe investment the aforesaid amount of five thousand dollars was placed; all of which is now invested and bearing interest.

And now, because of this and other large gifts reported, recently received, resulting in the inaugurating of a new policy by which the principal of such gifts, with others, almost in sight, shall be kept intact forever, the income therefrom to be expended annually in rendering comfortable the declining years of aged ministers and their wives; we are confident that this will appeal to our wealthy laymen more and more and to the end that in their wills the *"Endowment Fund"* for the *"Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota"* shall be remembered with generous gifts and fervent prayers to God for its growth and preservation.

The two members of the Board whose terms expire at this time are David Percy Jones and Robert P. Herrick.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MORRIS.

October 2, 1912. Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

Year ending September 30, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

October 1, 1911, Cash on hand		$111.39
Personal gift James W. Strong, D. D., Northfield		50.00
Collection State and Local Association and Conferences—		
State Association Alexandria	$45.11	
Central Association	5.00	
Duluth Conference	8.10	
Mankato Association	7.40	
Minneapolis Association	15.80	
Minnesota Valley Association	4.00	
Northern Pacific Association	17.70	
St. Paul Association	13.25	
South Eastern Association	11.16	
Western Conference	8.65	
		136.17
To interest received on invested funds		217.59
Thirty-five churches contributions		234.87
W. H. M. U. of Minn. by Mrs. A. M. Burch, Treas.		196.79
		$946.81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Six families received aid amounting to	$549.18	
Special	100.00	
Postage stamps and cards, etc.	5.60	
		$654.78
Available funds on hand		292.03
		$946.81
In addition to foregoing we report invested funds		$2,050.00
By contribution made by the family of the late Hon. William Harris Laird of Winona		5,000.00
Total		$7,050.00

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

The foregoing account has been examined and found correct.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS,
Auditor.

Dated Minneapolis, September 26, 1912.

"A FORWARD LOOK."

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

By the constitution of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, the moderator, upon the opening day of its sessions, is required to deliver an address "upon the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in Minnesota."

Now, it can hardly be expected that a layman, living in the midst of city environment, where his life has been spent thus far, whose church experience has had to do with but a single church, can be fully alive to the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in the great state of Minnesota. Far be it from your present moderator to even attempt to review in any adequate manner the cotemporaneous life of a great church organization in a territory larger than all New England.

It would be extremely profitable, and might well consume much of the time of the present Conference, to discuss the religious aspects of the large group of churches in our urban communities throughout the state, and on the other hand, it might prove to be even more profitable to consider the conditions, needs and outlook of that larger and, perhaps, more important group of churches in the country.

Such a review should be handled by an expert, or by one who has first-hand information, after a personal inspection of church conditions both in the cities and in the country. We, as Congregationalists, however, know what *are* the characteristics of our church polity, and what the great underlying principles of our order, denominationally speaking, are considered to be, historically.

We recall that at least two great purposes or tendencies have continuously been found in the life of our denomination: First, the advancement of education as the chief agency in developing the higher ethical life of the nation; and, second, the advancement of Missions, finding its fittest expression in evangelization and uplift among all peoples and in every land where the religion of Christ has not gone.

It may easily be assumed that Congregationalism in this state and the Northwest is much the same "ism" as in the older New England communities, where it has thriven for 300 years. Our pioneer churchmen here in Minnesota were reared and trained for the most part in Maine and Massachusetts, or in New Hampshire, Vermont or Connecticut, and our motives and aspirations in things of the spirit came down through the generations from those who are our spiritual progenitors. "Civil liberty" was the watchword, and, "Freedom to Worship God" the slogan of that godly fellowship, our forefathers, who first set up their standards in the New World of New England. Thus our church ancestors, aloof from narrowing traditions, transplanted a living spiritual organism in the friendly soil and freer environment of America.

We Congregationalists are proud of our stock, and if we do not become obsessed of mere pedigree we have a right to be proud of the forefathers and their valiant deeds. We know full well, and so does all the world know, that they played no small part in the civic and religious history of the New World. Side by side and almost simultaneously they reared the church and the schoolhouse. Religion and education were original concepts of this sturdy stock and both found free expression in the community life of New England. Not many years had passed in those New England settlements before the foundations were laid of those great institutions of higher education which have ever been fostered by our denomination. Zeal for education grew and strengthened with the years, and college after college came into being,—a splendid fruitage of the early planting. Who does not know that Harvard and Yale, Williams, Amherst, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Middleburv. Holyoke, Wellesley, Smith, and a score of others, were the offspring of Congregationalism? Who can estimate the contribution those colleges have made to civic and religious progress in our national life?

Thus briefly reviewing the results of that fine passion for learning, and the establishment of higher ideals for the community and national life that dominated the thought of the early fathers, we discover the same zeal passing on through the generations from the east to the west, and it is again the Congregational pioneers who became the patrons of higher education under Christian auspices, and with the same spirit of sacrifice and devotion to high ideals they laid broad foundations for our own western colleges, Oberlin, Beloit, Marietta, Ripon, Colorado, Grinnell, Washburn, Fisk, Drury, our own beloved Carleton College, and many more in the far West and the South.

Thus it would seem that we in Minnesota are true lineal descendants of that New England stock which believed that the church and school, religion and higher education, should and must flourish side by side. Carleton College was planned after the type of the New England model, as distinguished from the University type, thus again showing not only our adherence to the principle but even to the plan of our New England prototype.

As in this year 1912 we again assemble in our own Congregational Association, it is most fitting that we should here, in Northfield, review the past, remembering the founders and donors of the early days of our own Carleton, and witness the abundant fruitage of their early planting. We have come into our own, and now face the second period of the life of the College, the period of expansion and larger usefulness made possible by the complete success of the year and a half campaign for an enlarged endowment, the success of which has more than doubled the funds previously secured, and used for endowment.

Carleton was founded forty-six years ago, with abounding faith and zeal. Its story is too well known in this community and among the representatives of the churches of Minnesota here assembled to need extended review at this time. It is rather a time of thanksgiving and rejoicing, and opportunity for such expression is to be given before our Conference shall end.

But let us not forget that the basis of this rejoicing for us is the fact that the Congregational State Association at Faribault in 1866 pledged its support to the struggling college just starting, by a gift of $16,000,—an amazing gift when we think of the relatively small financial strength of the churches in those days,—an act in harmony with the spirit and genius of our denomination. That pledge, actually small but relatively so large, was the earnest that our Congregational constituency would ever stand sponsors for the upbuilding within our own borders of a strong, efficient Christian college, with high standards and ideals for the service of the state and the great Northwest.

Forty-six years after that historic meeting in Faribault, our State Conference again, in its meeting last year at Alexandria, by a standing and unanimous vote, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this Association of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota pledge the sum of $50,000 to be paid in four annual installments, beginning July first, 1912, toward the endowment fund of Carleton College, established at Northfield under the auspices of this body, said sum to be collected in the churches of our own state during the coming four years, and that thereby we give tangible evidence of the interest we feel in this great work."

That commitment by the churches was gratefully received by the President and Trustees of the college, and you cannot overestimate the value of that timely action. It was inspirational to those who were bearing the burden and the heat of the campaign.

While alluding to this action of the Association, I may add that *all* the churches have not as yet accepted the apportionment approved by your duly appointed committee in usable form; nevertheless the pledge was accepted by the Trustees in good faith, and by them guaranteed to be paid within the prescribed limit, July 1st, 1915. They are perfectly confident that within the next three years every dollar of the pledged fund will have been raised and paid into the treasury, thus redeeming the promise of this Association.

Now, that our pride may be kept within bounds concerning this act of loyal support to this college, the child of Minnesota Congregational churches, let me call attention to the fact that sixty-six churches of our denomination made the gift in 1866, while in 1912, forty-six years later, we have a roster of two hundred twenty churches pledging $50,000.—almost exactly the same ratio per church in 1866 and in 1912. I mention the fact but do not wish to draw any unwarranted conclusion.

Nevertheless, we do not forget that giving now is immensely expanded by the multitudinous appeals of secular philanthropy and welfare work far and wide. Furthermore, I believe that we, the Minnesota Congregationalists, are doing our full share in aiding the varied philanthropies, most of which have been founded and are sustained by Christian people of all denominations, but,—and let me emphasize the point again,—are we not in danger of forgetting our own denominational interests while we listen to the ever-recurring secular appeals? During the campaign for Carleton's enlarged endowment last year it was over and over again found that those to whom we looked

hopefully for generous response seemed overburdened with financial obligations in directions far removed from the Christian church, not to say our own denominational enterprises, and these friends only regretted that they could not help in Carleton's crisis. But those who have had the responsibility of managing the financial affairs of Carleton have reason to be proud of the fact that the success of our recent campaign for enlarged endowment could never have succeeded but for the response of Congregationalists, for our figures show that a very large majority of the individual givers were of the Congregational faith.

While touching upon this matter of our denominational bent and the willing obligation of Minnesota Congregationalists to maintain this Christian college, we must remember that the finest thing about it all is that it is, so to speak, our denomination's gift to Minnesota and the Northwest. Carleton is not ours in a narrow sense, but in the larger sense it *is* our contribution to all the people of all faiths,—an institution where the youth of our region may have the best educational training under Christian auspices. Thus all shall love it and all shall support it, and while the coming generations shall remember that Congregationalists planted and watered, the whole state and the Northwest shall have the increase. In this respect also we follow after the analogy of that group of eastern colleges to which we have referred. They also had their denominational parentage, but permitted that kinship to merge into that greater family of Christian institutions without sectarian bias or control.

Before I leave this portion of my address relating to the past and present status of Carleton College I must not leave unsaid what needs to be said, and that with special emphasis. What of Carleton's future? Our enlarged endowment makes provision, for the present and immediate future, for a larger and stronger faculty, and supplies our immediate demands in some other respects. We are now academically standardized, just as Williams, Dartmouth and Amherst have attained certain standards pertaining to courses of study and instruction. We are splendidly equipped to do the teaching and provide the training. Now in a comparatively few years our state will vastly increase in material ways and in population, and we have our bounden duty to the coming generations of youth. and must be prepared to meet the demands upon us not only today but tomorrow, and for the next generation.

As a matter of fact we lack the facilities necessary to do the best work. Our physical plant is not on a parity with our academic equipment. We have no dormitories for the men and no gymnasium for the young women; the outlook for our musical department is most encouraging but that department has no place to plant its feet, no shelter over its head; it occupies the chinks and crevices not otherwise taken over for other uses; it is in fact without a home.

There are also many other material things greatly needed, but I cannot take time to enumerate them now. In other words, we need a few plain embellishments to help us live up to our reputation. Our material equipment

is utterly inadequate even now. This year shows the largest enrollment since the College opened its doors,—350 enrolled this year as against 307 last year at this time. Nothing succeeds like success, but our very success may be our undoing if we do not fulfill the implied obligation of a first-class college and properly equip it for highest efficiency.

I earnestly appeal to you as sponsors of this our beloved college, brought thus far upon its career by the guardian love and helpfulness of this very Association, to let Carleton's needs be known far and wide. This Christian college is an asset, an inestimable asset of the state and nation, and it needs the fostering care and support of all who believe in building manhood into the fabric of our splendidly developing commonwealth. Will you do it?

The other great impelling purpose of our denominational polity is Missions, and it is through missionary zeal, as in education, that we have made perhaps one of our largest contributions to the uplift of mankind. We believe in Missions, as geographically inclusive. We love our common humanity and yearn to do it good, whether in the remote corners of the earth among the unloved and untutored who are living in the darkness of ignorance, superstition and sin, or in the haunts of vice in our great cities, or again on the frontiers of our national domain. I believe our genius for Missions is best illustrated by the work of the American Board, which is not only the oldest of the American missionary organizations but perhaps the best equipped to meet the requirements of modern foreign missions of any of the many societies in the field.

Our Home Missionary work is likewise one of our most important denominational enterprises, and because it is near at hand it seems to many to be our most pressing obligation. Possibly it is.

As Congregationalists we hold very important relations to the northern half of our state. Two years ago the national Home Missionary Society threw us upon our own resources in managing and financing this important work. Undoubtedly this work in Minnesota would have today been much farther advanced if we had been forced into self-support a good many years ago, and if so our own burdens and responsibilities would not now seem so arduous.

Year by year you have listened to the reports of the Home Missionary Superintendent and of the Board of Directors, plainly setting before you the field and its insistent demands. I am fully aware of our limited funds, so utterly inadequate to cover the vast region of labor to which we are related. I know, as you do, the splendid efforts of our Home Missionary officers to even touch this field. We know that for many years we have, so to speak, scraped acquaintance only with that shifting, toiling, ever increasing and largely foreign population that is surging into this almost imperial domain of Northern Minnesota. Our men and our money have for the most part been pretty widely diffused, trying to render some service to the people of this vast territory. In fact we have almost of necessity temporized, year after year, in meeting the emergency situation as it arose.

Would it not appear, brethren, that there might possibly be a better solution of the mixed problems that confront and perplex us? Desultory preaching services, ministering now and then to a needy little community, sending our itinerant preacher on an occasional round of helpful but merely temporary services, starting occasionally a church organization where financial support is at best precarious in a rapidly shifting population, and where the instability of the foreigners retards steady progress; all these efforts are relatively helpful. Doubtless many of you believe that some or much of this temporary kind of frontier missionary work should always be done. I shall present no labored argument to disillusion those who put their faith in this form of missionary service.

Is this method big enough to solve so big a problem? Let us consider the adequacy of the plan in relation to the extent of the territory involved, and the appealing need of the people there looking to us for help.

The northern half of Minnesota, of some 50,000 square miles, an area corresponding to the states of Iowa or Wisconsin, and only slightly less than the state of Michigan, or, leaving out Connecticut, as large as all New England,—if this region maintained the density of population of New York state it could support seven and a half millions of people; or, if it had the density of Massachusetts it would contain seventeen and a half millions. Denmark, Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland have almost the same area as this northern section of our state, and contain a population of quite twenty millions of people.

Now the state of Minnesota is admittedly quite able to care for a vastly greater population than we even expect, because of its marvellous natural resources, agricultural, mineral and industrial. Minnesota could easily support a population of eight million people and not be so densely populated as Ohio and only half as densely as Connecticut.

Today we are witnessing the rising tide of a vast industrial and commercial, not to say agricultural, expansion up there, which in a generation or two will make that apparent wilderness blossom like the rose. Let us not be surprised if this upper half of Minnesota, with its marvellous possibilities now latent, shall be the field of our state's greatest achievements in things material in the coming years.

Pause a moment. Here is the natural and nearest depository of the world's greatest grain producing territory, contiguous to facilities for transportation in bulk through the Great Lakes. There is no spot on earth probably which contains such wealth in ore deposits, compelling the construction, close at hand, of those vast smelting and steel plants which are already beginning to rise.

Proximity to the best type of Canadian population, rapidly increasing and developing in things material and ideal. Great water powers only waiting the unlocking of enterprise and thrift, to usher in an era of vast activities in manufacturing such as the Northwest has hardly dreamed of heretofore. All these natural resources and opportunities, the gift of Almighty God, suggest,

aye must convince any thoughtful man of the immense promise of Minnesota, and particularly as to its northern half.

It requires vision to see these possibilities, but it is no foolish stretch of the imagination to read the signs of the times. As Congregationalists, as churchmen, have we an adequate realization of our duty and relation to the situation? It does seem as if we could no longer escape our full share of the obvious responsibility thrust upon us. Why should we not here, in State Conference assembled, resolve anew to fulfill our high obligation to perform our part of this constructive work?

The next question will naturally follow: What is our part? And, again, how may we best perform it?

The situation warrants a larger supply of men and money,—able men to man the field adequately, and unstinted funds to maintain the work where wisdom points the work can best be done. We need a consecrated, statesman-like handling of the situation. It hardly seems to me wise to continue a policy of scratching the surface. There will always be need, in a frontier locality, of some temporary missionary effort, but the greater and enduring results, for the greater future of which we have spoken, require a new departure and a much larger grasp upon the situation.

A half-dozen stations or churches at strategic points, carefully selected in Northern Minnesota, superintended by as many able, trained and consecrated leaders, assistant superintendents, if you please, would in a decade or two mean several multiples of that sturdy half-dozen enterprises, and this contribution of our denomination to the higher life of upper Minnesota would help mightily in determining a permanent type of Christian citizenship within the borders of this our own beloved home state.

Perhaps I can best illustrate what I mean by using the analogy of some one of our splendidly equipped modern foreign missionaries, the kind the Prudential Committee of the American Board has been sending to our important foreign stations, a man of commanding leadership, fine personality, great intelligence,—another term for consecrated common sense,—a man of broad sympathies, willing, yes, and able, to lead in civic matters, whether serving on a school committee, leading a crusade for civic purity, or even delivering upon request a ringing Fourth of July address, a man beloved for purity of life, with deep sympathy for the people of a community and their local problems. Such a leader with spiritual force, in any half-dozen towns in upper Minnesota, which as I have stated should be most carefully selected, could be a permanent center of influence, and from such a community, so led and organized, an influence for high ideals would permeate an ever-widening circle.

Our Home Missionary Society in Minnesota has under our apportionment plan about 24½ per cent of the $50,000, or $12,000, for all of its work in Minnesota. To this add the Woman's Fund, and it would not exceed $15,000. The National Society believes we are old enough and rich enough to handle our own state problems. Shall we say we are not? Facts do not warrant our

saying so. The East no longer looks upon the West as unable to finance its own benevolences. The East has heavy burdens in its own field of Missions. Massachusetts in fact has a far harder task confronting her than we have here in Minnesota. *There* is the real field for Home Missions, and the people of that foreign state, so to speak, are girding up their loins to meet the crisis. We ought to raise $20,000 in Minnesota next year, if not through the apportionment plan alone, through supplementary individual gifts, and then let the fund increase gradually until every important and strategic point, where the field is clearly open to us and we are not encroaching upon the preserves of other denominations, has a living, growing church organization and a live and efficient leader in permanent residence,—a sort of Bishop in his diocese.

The religious life, and the civic ideals of our Northern Minnesota neighbors must of necessity crystallize into a permanent type, and that in the immediate future. Shall it be Christian? Shall the standards of Christian living and Christian performance there comport with that high ideal we all have for this great Commonwealth of Minnesota?

In closing, may I present for your consideration what seems to me to be one of the vital issues at present before the Congregational churches. I refer to the apportionment plan and Minnesota's relation to it. The apportionment plan was the result of a painstaking inquiry by the directors of our national societies and a committee of the National Council. The plan carefully and skilfully wrought out was presented to our churches two years ago by the National Council as the best agency for unifying, equalizing and promoting our denominational benevolences.

The plan is intended when in full working order to underwrite the seven societies in their fiscal budget, and as time goes on a by-product of this plan, not small by any means, will be the promotion of our denominational unity and integrity. We had, as a matter of fact, become hopelessly involved in the intricacies and uncertainties of the old hit-or-miss plan of supporting these institutions of our united churches. Under this new plan it is certain, when it is thoroughly tried and adopted, to bring order out of chaos, and thus the claims of each society will be equalized, its annual budget carefully determined in advance, and then vigorously maintained.

The basis of the plan is perfectly simple. It is the individual church budget system nationalized, nothing more and nothing less.

We apply the budget system to almost everything worth while now. The National, State, and Municipal Governments are all run upon the budget system. Corporate and mercantile enterprises under good business management are usually organized on the budget basis. Household expenditures are, or ought to be, definitely planned on a careful system of expenditures as related to income. Indeed, brethren, the modern church organization, making pretence to business-like administration of both its secular and its benevolent affairs, has adopted the apportionment or budget system.

Our Plymouth Church in Minneapolis a dozen years ago adopted a plan

of systematic giving and raising money for its annual contributions to our denominational societies, and under no circumstances would it now abandon that plan. The officers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, hearing of its complete success, gave its high sanction to its effectiveness, dubbing it the "Plymouth Church Plan," and printed the outlines of the plan in pamphlet form, which they have been for some years circulating among their constituents.

Time permitting, I should like to describe that church system and point out its great merits and show how easy of accomplishment it is and how year after year our budget has increased and that without strain. Our work has grown from small to somewhat large proportions. The system is educational and inspirational at the same time.

The facts are, brethren, that the apportionment plan, so far as the national and state organizations are concerned, is in excellent working order, and furthermore it is working. So far, however, the result in the individual church is almost unappreciable. No State Association or Conference, so far as known, has failed to report this plan to the individual churches making up their various Conferences. This is essentially true in all the states where Congregationalists are organized. The National apportionment officers say truly: "We must now persuade the local church to deal practically and successfully with their apportionment figures, and this work of persuasion is primarily the work of the state organizations.

Within a few days last past I have learned that the Chairman of the Minnesota State Apportionment Committee has sent forth a circular or personal letter on this subject, addressed to the pastors, or in some cases the treasurers of the two hundred twenty-seven churches within the state. This circular made very clear the way to proceed in connecting the individual church with the apportionment plan, but so far the treasurer of our State Committee has received responses in the way of signed pledges for remittances from only twenty-three churches out of the two hundred twenty-seven on our rolls.

The query naturally arises, is this condition the result of apathy or ignorance of the plan, or perchance have we as yet failed to comprehend the virtue of denominational team work? We recall that the whole plan was clearly and comprehensively put before the State Association last year at the Alexandria meeting, by the Association Special Committee, and that report is printed in full in the minutes of that meeting. I assume you are all well advised of a fact painfully true, that our denominational gifts in the United States have diminished 58 per cent in the past thirty years. Thirty years ago Congregationalists of this country gave $5.17 per capita to our joint societies. Last year the per capita average had fallen to $3.27, while in Minnesota it had fallen to $1.50.

If in Minnesota we were to give in the ratio of thirty years ago, we would be contributing $110,000 per annum instead of the $31,000 reported last year. However, you will be quite sure to hear, from the duly authorized com-

mittee, more statistics bearing upon this general topic during the sessions of this Conference, and I shall not weary you with them now.

I hope the reports to be presented will make us more optimistic of the future. It is an immensely important topic for discussion, and one touching the very life of our churches. Of one thing I feel quite certain, and that is that we should put into the field, for a year at least, a strong and efficient advocate of the apportionment plan, who will carry this most important message to all of our churches, large and small. I believe if this is done we shall quickly relate our churches in a perfectly satisfactory way to this plan of financing.

I am profoundly impressed that we need the spiritual stimulus of an *awakening* upon these financial matters of our Society. Our churches need cohesion and a united purpose in their efforts. All along the line denominational pride has tended to maximize denominational independence long enough. Let us now put the maximum emphasis upon denominational co-ordination and team work, and so shall we better fulfill our Congregational destiny and magnify our genius, already referred to in this address, of raising the highest standards of Christian living and service among all peoples everywhere, thus helping to carry out the world-wide mission imposed by our Lord and Master.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

New York, N. Y.

REV. H. C. HERRING, D. D., General Secretary.

MR. WILLIS E. LOUGEE, Treasurer.

Minnesota is represented on the Directorate by Rev. H. P. Dewey, D. D. The voting members of the Society from Minnesota are Rev. S. G. Smith, Hon. Geo. E. Perley, Hon. L. E. Jepson, Mr. Harington Beard, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, Rev. E. L. Heermance.

By arrangement five per cent of all current contributions from Minnesota go to the Treasury of the National Society.

THE MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(Incorporated 1907)

is the legal form of the associated churches of Minnesota.

THE DIRECTORS—(Terms expire in 1913)—Horace Goodhue, Northfield; Fred B. Hill, Northfield; Mrs. C. J. Hunt, St. Paul; Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul; Dr. L. C. Weeks, Detroit; Rev. Parley P. Womer, St. Paul. (Terms expire in 1914)—Rev. E. L. Heermance, Mankato; L. G. Moyer, Montevideo; E. S. Slater, Minneapolis; Geo. L. Treat, Alexandria. (Terms expire in 1915)—Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Marshall; Pres. Donald J. Cowling, Northfield; Geo. H. Elwell, Minneapolis; J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; Mrs. E. A. Tupper, Minneapolis.

REVIEW OF THE MISSIONARY YEAR.

GEORGE R. MERRILL, D. D., GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

During the twelve months from September 1, 1911 to Sept. 30, 1912 the Society has given aid in money to ninety-four churches and congregations with whom forty-nine men and one woman have labored an aggregate of 329 months. Of the fifty workers, twelve are new to their fields and seven new to the State.

The Tables submitted herewith and brought down to October first will show the place and time of service for each, the amount of aid granted and paid to each field, an abstract of the receipts and expenditures during the year 1911, and an itemized account of the same for the past nine months of 1912, with the certificate of the Auditor attached.

While the supply of men has at no time equalled the demand we have been fortunate in securing on most of the fields the continuance of faithful pastors and in filling vacancies where the living salary fixed by the Directors as a minimum could be promised.

For years there has been a Missionary Society in Minnesota, but until

less than three years ago it had been merely an advisory body thru its Directors, without powers and without responsibilities.

The position of a Constituent State when assumed carried with it, of necessity, responsibility for securing and disposing of money and for the conduct of the work.

An incorporation, became a necessity, and was completed along the lines of ordinary business corporations, the Churches of the State by their delegates in General Association taking the places of stockholders in the ordinary corporation and choosing Directors with the ordinary legal powers and responsibilities.

These Directors began with no Treasury and no Bank account, and with seventy and more churches and congregations holding out to them the hands which some of them for a half-century had been extending to the National Society.

The beginning was from the very foundation. We could have access of course, to the experiences of older states, but the whole situation and even the meaning of Home Work, had so become modified since the procedure of these was adopted that their methods could apply to us only by suggestion.

The Society owes a larger debt than many realize to these Directors, who, step by step and patiently, at the risk of being misunderstood because they could not exhibit a finished product, have been working out an organization and methods, which are by no means complete as yet.

Some criticism upon the Board and its methods would have been spared, if it had been understood how great the difference may be between such an organization and an established society with a Treasury, with methods grounded on its experience, with a constituency habituated to those methods, a steady inflow to the Treasury and accumulated funds for times of depression and straitness.

It would seem that the work of your Directors has gone far enough to admit of a statement of the things that have been accomplished and some exposition of the methods in use.

Economy and Efficiency have been constantly before the Directors in their fashioning of methods, a due regard to be had to each, without an undue sacrifice of the other.

A study of the financial statements of last year's Minutes and of those annexed hereto, will show how closely economy has been considered, and how small a percentage of funds has been needed for expenses that are purely administrative.

In the interest of efficiency the aim has been to secure, so far as the funds entrusted to the Society will allow, that every duly recognized Congregational Church needing aid shall receive it in such measure and on such conditions as will encourage it to self-support on an adequate salary, and that new territory that has a claim upon us rather than on some other christian body shall be occupied.

This of course does not mean that every church or intending organization that desires aid has it to the extent that it wishes.

One of the four regular meetings of the year held by the Directors is known as Schedule Meeting. To that meeting each Local Association is entitled to send its representative, usually the Chairman of its Fellowship Committee. This combined meeting of the Directors and the immediate representatives of the whole State which is a peculiar feature of our method, adjusts to each other, as far as can be done, in advance of the beginning of the year, the probable income and the work desirable to be done.

First, under instruction of the Directors, the Superintendent has prepared, by correspondence and from his personal knowledge, a tentative schedule, a copy of which is placed in the hands of each one present.

Each item on the list is taken by itself and considered on its own merits as set forth by the representative of its own Association, and then in its relation to the demands of the whole field. Conditions are discussed that may be annexed to the aid to secure a more adequate and prompt support, and a provisional sum is voted for the particular field.

When all the items have thus been dealt with a footing is made, and if it is found, as is usually the case, that it is two or three thousand dollars beyond what may be reasonably expected from the Churches, the whole is reviewed and the two amounts brought at least within sight of each other.

Even so the amount scheduled is always in excess of what can reasonably be expected in contributions, and with safety

The Schedule as thus made, is not a hard and fast agreement, but involves the two suppositions that the contributions of the churches will reach the average and that in a certain percentage of applications the conditions will fail to be met:

The old plan still followed in many of the States, was to commission men known as "missionaries" and in that way, to an extent, separated from their brethren and from the churches in which they serve.

Our plan has been to emphasize two things. First that aid in money is only one of the forms in which organized fellowship—which is what your Missionary Society means— expresses itself, and that like other forms of fellowship it is on the part of Churches to Churches.

So our Churches that think they need the expression of Fellowship in money. instead of an "application for aid" to a man, who becomes a missionary of a Society, as equal bodies enter into a contract whose provisions are designed to protect both the Church, and the Churches in the Society.

The peculiar provisions of this contract have been favorably commented upon and in some cases followed by other states. In this contract the Society, i. e. the other churches, as a contributor to the support of the church secures; that the minister shall be satisfactory to it, and that he shall not be dismissed without a month's notice to it, that his support shall be as regularly paid by the other contributors as by itself, and that the Society may have the use of his service in neighborhood missionary work for a certain proportion of his time.

The quarterly report, which must be received before the aid becomes due, instead of being simply a ministerial estimate of conditions is submitted to the church by the pastor and adopted by its formal vote.

The great value of this last provision is that it secures that at least four times a year the church shall not only know the pastor's view of it but shall for itself face its condition both financial and spiritual.

It is also agreed in the contract that in case the church ceases to exist as a Congregational Church the amount of aid becomes a lien upon the property.

When the reports just spoken of are received, provided there is money in the Treasury, a check for the amount voted is drawn by the General Superintendent, countersigned by the President, issued by the signature of the Treasurer, but becomes negotiable only when, in addition, it has undetached a receipt signed by the person in whose favor it was drawn. No money goes out of the Treasury without receiving in this way four signatures, which would seem to be an adequate protection.

Monied gifts by no means measure the expression of the help and fellowship of the Churches through the Society.

Many Churches who do not need money need encouragement and counsel in difficult situations.

Naturally this is the special service of the Superintendents and other general missionaries.

This work does not lend itself to tabulation or expression in figures but is by far the most valuable part of their service.

The Field Force, which the Directors count it in the interest both of economy and efficiency to increase as the funds may warrant, has consisted in the last year of a General Superintendent, a Superintendent for N. Minnesota, and General Missionaries in the Rainy River District and the Western Association.

After three years almost of aggressive service in the Northern Work Dr. T. W. Barbour has returned to the pastorate in the charge of the church in Fairmont.

In response to the appeal of last year for help in this region the Congregational Home Missionary Society gives us for some months the service of Rev. F. S. Bastel as Superintendent and a cash grant of $1,000 for the calendar year.

Rev. W. J. Conard after two years of painstaking service in the Western Association has completed his work there in reviving and giving pastors to seven churches that could have been preserved only by such service as he has rendered. He is now transferred to such work in Minnesota Valley and Central Associations where it is greatly needed.

Rev. T. W. Howard has continued his ministry to the churches he has gathered in the Rainy River Valley, has seen Baudette in its new building, and opening fields that he should be free to shepherd.

Our hitherto common idea, so far as organized churches are concerned

is purely traditional: a church in a community feels unable or unwilling to support its own services and so asks aid and it is given, and if the services are maintained that is the end of it.

It would be in harmony with the spirit of the time if we should add one more step whose success will depend entirely on the spirit and wisdom with which it is taken and administered, but which may become of the highest educational value to young and growing churches.

The weakness of most of our church life is its very vagueness; we do not aim at anything very particular and we succeed very well in reaching our mark.

The Society contributes to this so far as it sets no definite end before the churches other than holding services.

Its new relation as a partner with the local church gives it the right and opportunity of advising to definite things to be attempted in the field during the year and co-operation in bringing them to pass; all this in the spirit of fellowship and not of authority, of helpfulness and not of rule.

To get, if possible, an indication of lines that might be profitably followed, there was sent awhile ago to the churches of which we are speaking a very simple questionnaire which had a ready and evidently carefully studied consideration.

It asked for two things specifically: (1) Things actually done or properly set in motion in the year ending Sept. 1. (2) Things that are desirable and might be done in the coming year. It emphasizes what has already been suggested that while a real effort was evidently made to give real answers only about one-fifth so went beyond general benevolent intentions in the year as to give clearly specific information. It is further noticeable that these are the churches that have received the largest number of additions.

In the answer to the first question more than half lay stress on material things accomplished, improvements to property, debts paid, etc. Several have reorganized the Sunday School or the Endeavor Society. Social service has been attempted by 25 per cent. The prayer meeting and Bible Study have had emphasis on the part of as many.

Looking into the next year seems more difficult. All have hopes and some vision of desirable things to be done for them.

About 25 per cent are clear in certain property improvements that must mark the year. One sees a new field that can be opened. Two have made the year's goal self-support. While all wish for conversions, three set a definite goal of 25 to 50 to be won as fast as human effort can win. About a third are seeking for some fit form of social service and aspire markedly to be of greater community helpfulness.

The suggestions of these answers are full of interest.

We are not a strong people. As yet more than half of our churches have less than a hundred in their nominal membership; a few strong churches have given us a fictitious value in the Denomination. Outside of the cities

the larger part of our churches are little English oases in great foreign reaches.

What are we doing? More than keeping up in results with the increase of the population.

The last census gave the ten-year increase as 18.5 per cent and our increase, not of adherents, but of members, 2.34 per cent.

That would not have meant so much in a former ten-year period when the increase was largely from a sturdy Scandinavian population akin to us not only in blood but in religion, eager to become American and easily accessible to and assimilating with us. In the last decade the increase has been from those of alien blood and religion and altogether out of reach for this and the next generation.

I.

For some time before the building of the New Soo and even while its idea was a dream your Society had a man in the region to do missionary work from homestead to homestead and to preach in the testing of probable future centers.

With the coming of the railway the real centers began to show the points of crystallization, and a class of settlers to come in of more than the usual grade of intelligence and ideals, but of course without much money.

To carry on the work means the employment of a man of more than usual ability and the practical financing of it for a year or two.

The Directors felt sure they had the mind of the churches on the matter and when the man was found, pledged their faith and yours to him for the—to us for a single field—unusual sum of $600. Rev. O. G. Mason, with an experience in general work and fresh from a successful work done under our eyes in Vine church, visited this new region, had faith in it, has been there since July 1, and without disparagement to anybody else is easily the first citizen of Remer.

As soon as it became evident that something more was to be done than the usual flushing the game for any ecclesiastical sportsman who might be in the region, there was the customary sectarian intrusion, but with little sympathy from the people.

With an alertness and genuine interest in the community affairs that has captured the people and put him already at the head of the first consolidated School Board of the whole region and involved him in almost every other interest, our pastor sustains regular services at Remer and Federal Dam and weekday services at out stations as the opportunity is given, and has several churches ready to be reorganized.

II.

The Open Door Church in Minneapolis has been for some years a problem of growing perplexity. What was a promising English speaking community has become one of the best Scandinavian residence districts of

the city, with fine homes and a large number of churches of their own nationalities. Roman and Greek Catholic communities press hard upon the district from the river side. The few people whose religious needs demanded English services, nearer to one score than to two score families, had three organizations struggling for them and each requiring missionary aid in order to keep up the struggle.

Our church had an honorable history: the names of Torrey, Norris, Gray and others are fragrant in the community and honored in the State. The Church had been devoted, loyal and patient, and deserved the best from us.

The faithful few were not sure what that best might be. They asked the Superintendent to spend some weeks with them in the survey of the field, and in the consideration of possibilities. With a rare grace hearts were joined together and an enthusiasm was reached for the course whatever it might be that should be agreed upon by the churches of the city as for the best interests in a single appeal in Christ's name to the community, it found itself in session for about a month with a degree of interest unequalled of late years.

Beginning with an effort to unite all English-speaking Protestant interests in a single appeal in Christ's name to the community it found itself shut up to some equitable arrangement in co-operation between Presbyterians and Congregationalists. A plan was patiently worked out by committees of the two churches, of Presbytery and the Council, with an absolute and tender unanimity, accepted by all the parties interested, and in April the Federated Church of N. E. Minneapolis became a fact and is doing its work. The plan of Federation in its principles and the equity of its provisions has attracted considerable attention and has been acted upon in other States.

III.

North Branch has been another of our problems.

In the changes of population the English-worshipping element had been reduced to the merest handful in each of the two churches, negligible quantities except in their small meetings which were kept up only by missionary aid altogether out of proportion to the prospects of the community.

The broad-minded young student who had been sent to the Methodist people, chafing under the situation and with a free hand from his ecclesiastical superiors attempted first a union church but found easily appreciated difficulties. When he understood the Federation Plan it at once appealed to him, and after a meeting with the people, with but one dissenting voice and with the substantial sympathy of the foreign-worshipping churches the Federated Church of North Branch has been launched with a subscription list that ensures the minister a fair salary and a good will that unless something untoward occurs should secure to it an efficient life.

IV.

In Ceylon the proposition for Federation came from the District Superintendent through the Methodist Quarterly Conference and thus far an excellent spirit has been shown on both sides in the patient adjustment of details.

V.

Though under the exigencies of the situation several churches have been forced into a position of caring for themselves, as the Directors were obliged to feel they could do if they would, the coming to self support of one church whose sturdy and patient growth has been under conditions only favorable when it has made them so, deserves special mention.

Partly from arbitrary changes in the working of the mines and partly from reasons that do us credit as a Denomination, our only permanent work in the mining region is the church at Biwabik.

Gathered as the church in Merritt, after the destruction of that place by fire, moved into Biwabik and housed in the Variety Theatre, bought largely by special funds from friends in Minneapolis, later finding a building of its own whose nucleus was the original and unique structure, joint parsonage, church, and stable which was the only building erected after the fire on the town-site of Merritt, it has held on its way seriously and steadily, reducing from time to time, as it was able the amount of aid asked from the Society till in January of this year it became self-supporting on a salary of $1,000 and parsonage and since then has undertaken the building of a new house of worship. While this result has been the steadfast goal of a succession of faithful pastors and its consummation is a crown to the wise leading of the present pastor and the faithfulness of the earnest company that has stood by in these years, it is not invidious distinction but a deserved tribute to name Drs.. C. W. Bray and wife, graduates of the State University, who have put their lives into the town and the church and have been factors of effectiveness in each.

The new Biwabik with all the appliances of civilization, with well-kept homes and families dwelling in them, the new parsonage, the new church-building, the children born after Biwabik began to have families, native products, a class of boys graduated now from the High School, a class of girls their companions all members of the church, four of them going to college this year. These are things most worth while.

It has cost some thousands of missionary money to make all these things possible but it has surely been worth while.

Our indebtedness is gratefully acknowledged to the National and State Organizations whose co-operation has made our work, especially since Jan. 1, 1912, possible.

Particular mention is to be made of the special gifts of the two National Societies for the Northern work.

The Sunday School Society was been placed with Rev. W. L. Sutherland well known in former years among our churches, whose wisdom in counsel

and ready co-operation in service, with residence in the field have already proved themselves of large value.

The National Home Missionary Society in response to the appeal of a year ago, has given us, at its charges, for some portion of the year as Superintendent of the Northern Work and for the special purpose of an expert and disinterested survey of it one of its men in whom the New York office has special confidence, also for the calendar year a donation of $1,000 to help us in work in communities predominantly foreign.

It is ours to show our appreciation of the aid of the Society to us in the pressures of the wide field that are upon it, by redoubling our efforts to so reach the Minnesota Apportionment that we shall be able to put a considerable sum into the National Treasury instead of drawing from it.

Even if, as I am advised, this is the last time I appear before you as Superintendent, it does not seem best to try to summarize the thirteen years of the ministry that is so accomplished. It was entered upon not of choice, but to meet what seemed an exigency. It has continued in an earnest desire, however limited by human weakness, to be helper of the Churches and a brother of my brethren, whose confidence and support have been a great joy and to them all I commit it.

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It would do violence to my own feelings if I did not express my gratitude to my brethren not only for the message that came to me from the meeting in Alexandria, but for all the wealth of sympathy and helpfulness that has been poured into my bereavement. I knew that God was full of compassion and comfort, but I did not know that friends could be so true and friendly. Next to the faithful God my brethren and friends have made me strong and cheerful and able to serve in the year of loneliness.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 1911-12.

(Only appropriations paid are included in 1911.)

Field.	Ministers.	1911 Aid.	1911 Mos.	1912 Aid.	1912 Mos.
Central—					
Burtum-Swanville, etc.	H. T. Krousey	$100.00	12	$100.00	12
Duluth—					
Backus-Hackensack, etc.	J. H. Clark	37.50	3	.....	..
	A. G. Parks	112.50	9	150.00	12
Brainerd, Peoples	W. J. Horner	125.00	12	25.00	3
Biwabik and Mining Camps	H. R. Harris	125.00	12	.....	..
Biwabik Circuit	O. A. Granholm	600.00	12	.....	..
Duluth, West, New Duluth and Fond du Lac	Allen Clark	140.00	7	200.00	12
Grand Marais and Cook County	W. H. Chrisjohn	100.00	5	.....	..
	J. T. Pohlhammar	140.00	7	140.82	6
	C. B. Fellows	.....	..	25.00	1
Soo Extension	W. M. Read	100.00	6	.....	..
Walker	A. G. Parks	45.00	3	.....	..
	Geo. Michael	95.00	8	140.00	12
Mankato—					
Ellsworth, Kanaranzi	Ellen P. Cox	25.00	1½	200.00	12
St. Clair, Freedom, Pemberton	Geo. K. Carter	112.50	8	.....	..
	J. Geo. Peters	18.75	1½	112.50	9
Minnesota Valley—					
Marietta, Nassau	E. W. Benedict	10.00	3	.....	..
	Hugh Hay	.....	..	87.50	7
Minneapolis—					
Gaylord	M. F. Scully	25.00	3	.....	..
Hopkins, Mizpah	Jas. Earl	150.00	12	150.00	12
Milaca	H. W. Borst	18.75	3	.....	..
Minneapolis:					
Minnehaha	E. C. Lyons	287.50	12	300.00	12
Open Door	W. J. Haley	58.34	7	.....	..
Vine	O. G. Mason	370.00	10	90.00	3
	W. T. Dawson	.....	..	320.00	5*
Morningside, Edina	E. W. Hale	.....	..	100.00	6

Northern Pacific—					
Akeley	J. H. Clark	112.50	9	62.50	5
	H. F. Harris	.....	..	37.50	3
Bagley and out-stations	E. F. Olander	31.25	3	.....	..
	Anthony Dodds	83.33	6	.....	..
	S. S. Heghin	.....	..	149.69	10½*
Beard and out-stations	Geo. F. Morton	37.50	3	25.00	..
Bertha, New York Mills, Aldrich	E. E. Lindsley	100.00	12	100.00	12
Callaway, Ogema	Paul N. Palmer	58.33	7	.....	..
Cass Lake	L. F. McDonald	209.50	9	.....	..
	Anthony Dodds	25.00	2	75.00	6
	E. A. Mirick	.....	..	12.50	1
	C. E. Walker	.....	..	50.00	4
Fertile	Anthony Dodds	26.00	2	.....	..
	J. T. Pohlhammar	54.10	5	.....	..
McIntosh and Fosston, Mentor	J. P. Long	26.00	2	112.50	9
Mahnomen	Geo. Michael	56.00	4	.....	..
Rainy River Valley; Beaudette, Graceton, Birchdale	T. W. Howard	400.00	12	400.00	12
Superintendent for Northern Minnesota	T. W. Barbour	1,750.00	12	450.00	3
Shevlin, Nymore, etc.	Pascal Parks	62.50	3	.....	..
Staples	R. P. Upton	50.00	3	50.00	3
Remer, Federal Dam, etc.	O. G. Mason	.....	..	300.00	6*
St. Paul—					
Lakeland	A. D. Maes	92.30	10	100.00	12
St. Paul—Bell	W. A. Borst	57.50	3	.....	..
	H. J. Burgstahler	112.50	9	37.50	3
Forest St.	A. D. Smith	75.00	6	.....	..
German Peoples	E. L. F. Warkentien	125.00	6	250.00	12
University Avenue	O. C. Clark	212.50	12	200.00	12
Southeastern—					
Ross Creek, Taopi	J. B. Thompson	121.25	12	120.00	12
Waterville	H. E. Chapman	150.00	12	200.00	12
Zumbro Falls	John Hayes Barnett	52.50	5	50.00	12
Western—					
Garvin, Custer	R. E. Roberts	66.66	8	.....	..
	W. R. MacClane	33.33	4	66.66	8
General Missionary	W. J. Conard	592.00	12	350.00	7
Springfield, Selma, Comfrey	O. M. Snyder	.....	..	23.33	4*
Lamberton, Walnut Grove	W. B. Godsall	.....	..	41.66	5*
General Superintendent		2,500.00	12	2,500.00	12

*Continued into 1913 to complete 12 months.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.					
		Missionary Service	Office Expense	Travel, etc.	Loans, etc. Repaid	Monthly Totals	Quarterly Balances
1911							
Bal.	1,030.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Jan.	$1,904.58	$1,737.31	$19.40	$7.35	.....	$1,764.06	
Feb.	392.79	706.50	27.50	5.25	.....	739.25	
Mar.	2,000.72	549.46	44.25	17.66	$1,665.00	2,276.37	
	$5,328.90					$4,779.68	$549.22
April	1,048.63	1,587.37	20.78	16.80	.....	1,624.95	
May	746.66	663.88	23.52	7.89	.....	695.29	
June	986.55	691.90	29.29	2.38	40.00	763.57	
Bal.	549.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	$3,331.06					$3,083.81	257.25
July	1,109.29	1,126.36	24.06	6.45	.....	1,156.87	
Aug.	433.61	570.32	17.92	29.23	.....	617.47	
Sept.	846.45	135.00	6.37	14.18	700.00	855.55	
Bal.	257.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	$2,646.60					$2,629.89	16.71
Oct.	733.33	407.53	32.25	6.60	.....	446.38	
Nov.	2,451.20	1,298.51	16.72	12.90	.....	1,328.13	
Dec.	1,578.09	1,143.22	49.12	16.94	500.00	1,709.28	
Bal.	16.71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	$4,779.33					$3,483.79	1,295.54
1912							
Jan.	1,474.72	1,387.59	29.27	54.25	500.00	1,971.11	
Feb.	1,044.82	673.73	25.06	11.88	500.00	1,210.67	
Mar.	495.96	591.47	15.82	20.42	400.00	1,027.71	
Bal.	1,295.54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	$4,311.04				634.45	$4,209.49	101.55
April	3,272 70	1,117.92	11.59	5.30	1,413.16	3.182.42	
May	378.54	379.99	12.57	20.92	150.00	563.48	
June	2,245.62	905.75	19.39	7.90	.....	933.04	
Bal.	101.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	$5,998.41					$4,678.94	1,319.47
July	346.64	1,344.49	16.08	14.90	.....	1,375.47	
Aug.	226.44	444.16	14.12	15.25	.....	473.53	
Sept.	1,090.99	369.55	15.54	17.95	.....	403.04	
Bal.	1,319.47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	$2.983.54					$2,252.04	731.50

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATES.

Minneapolis, May 10, 1912.

This is to certify that at the request of Dr. Geo. R. Merrill, Supt. of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society, I have examined his records of cash received and disbursed for the period of eleven months, beginning April 1, 1911, and ending March 1, 1912, together with cancelled vouchers covering all disbursements except minor petty cash items. The record appears to be correctly and accurately kept.

I have verified all footings in the cash book, and the cash balance of $633.30, March 1, 1912, is correct according to the record submitted.

W. S. WINGATE, Auditor.

(For auditor's certificate covering the first three months of 1911 see Minutes for 1911, page 32.)

Minneapolis, Oct. 10, 1912.

This is to certify that I have examined the books of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society with the accounts kept therein, with the cancelled vouchers for disbursements since the last audit, March 1 to Sept. 30, 1912, and find the same correct.

W. S. WINGATE, Auditor.

DETAILED RECEIPTS JAN. 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1912.

Ada, C. E.	$12.50	Detroit	28.00
Anoka	28.25	Dodge Center	7.88
Alberta	2.55	Duluth, Pilgrim	300.00
Appleton	8.00	Ellsworth	5.34
Austin	64.30	Fairmont	33.00
Bertha	5.00	Faribault	134.00
Benson	12.00	Fergus Falls, C. E.	6.00
Barnesville	12.09	Fergus Falls, S. S.	6.71
Bagley	18.00	Gaylord	7.20
Beard	5.00	Glenwood	20.00
Biwabik	13.00	Garvin	10.00
Biwabik Circ.	18.00	Garvin, W. R. M.	5.23
Burtrum, Field	7.32	Hancock	4.60
Cannon Falls	11.15	Hopkins	14.00
Cass Lake	8.48	Lakeland	2.42
Clarissa	.84	Lyle	5.00
Clearwater	12.30	Marietta	9.70
Comfrey	5.99	Marshall	12.12
Corell	2.09	Mankato	15.69
Custer	3.77	Mapleton	10.66
Ceylon	5.50	Milaca	5.33

Minneapolis—	
First	250.00
Park Avenue	182.16
Plymouth	1,316.46
Vine	2.66
Lyndale	36.36
Linden Hills	18.15
Pilgrim	120.90
Minnehaha	5.00
Open Door	5.00
Como Ave.	26.60
Forest Heights	30.00
Lynnhurst	20.36
St. Louis Park	12.30
Fremont Ave.	37.55
Individuals, A. P. S.	50.00
C. N.	25.00
G. H. E.	5.00
W. F. D.	5.00
Monticello	8.80
Morristown	3.50
Montevideo	35.00
Nymore	10.00
Owatonna	30.00
Pemberton	1.45
Park Rapids	25.00
Pelican Rapids, S. S.	4.00
Plainview	12.75
Rochester	16.80
Rose Creek	2.50
Robbinsdale	14.46
St. Paul—	
Atlantic	20.00
Plymouth	54.29
Peoples	140.00
Peoples, S. S.	31.00
Pacific	14.84
Olivet	199.00
Park (individual)	25.00
Selma	1.65
St. Clair	2.64
Staples	7.15
Stewart	2.66
Wayzata	22.19
Wabasha	16.42
Walker	5.46
Waterville	4.00
Waterville, C. E.	4.00
Winona	175.00
Mrs. W. H. L.	100.00
Winthrop	8.50
Worthington	12.12
Zumbrota	4.68
Minn. W. H. M. U.	2,105.39
C. H. M. S.	*994.51
Revolving Fund	1,413.16
Directors' Note	2,000.00
Total	$10,576.43
Balance from 1911	1,295.54
Total available thus far in 1912	$11,871.97

*This includes 95 per cent of all moneys sent directly to the National Treasury at New York and reported in the American Missionary, $794.51, and $200 for Sept. in aid of Foreign Work.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF FUNDS PAID OUT JAN. TO OCT., 1912.

Missionary Services:		
Central Association	$75.00	
Minnesota Valley	87.50	
Duluth	744.99	
Supt. for Northern Minnesota	1,050.00	
Northern Pacific	998.92	
Mankato	218.75	
Minneapolis	644.17	
St. Paul	442.89	
Southeastern	302.50	
Western	100.00	
General Missionary	350.00	
C. H. M. S.	324.93	
General Superintendent	1,875.00	
		$7,214.65
Rent of office and phone	$108.00	
Clerical Service	37.75	
Stationery	4.84	
Postage	20.92	
Telegrams	2.35	
Printing	50.75	
Travel	87.81	
Sundries	15.79	
		328.21
Refunds and loans paid		3,597.61
Total		$11,140.47

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "The Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society," and its location shall be in the city of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, in the state of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

The general purpose of this corporation shall be, of itself and in co-operation with the various national Congregational Missionary organizations, to promote the interests of religion, especially in the State of Minnesota, and for that purpose to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, real estate and personal property, to hold, use, give, grant and otherwise dispose of the same, and to employ such means and agencies from time to time as may seem expedient.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of this corporation shall consist of the officers and members of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and of such other persons as the Board of Directors of this corporation may from time to time elect.

ARTICLE IV.

The government of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of not less than nine Directors who shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of three years each, but at the first annual meeting one-third of such Directors shall be chosen for a term of one year, one-third for a term of two years, and one-third for a term of three years, so that thereafter one-third of such Directors may be chosen annually.

Said Board of Directors shall choose their own officers, who shall be elected annually and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Until the first annual meeting the following named persons shall constitute the Board of Directors: W. H. Laird, L. E. Jepson, S. G. Smith, Henry Holmes, W. H. Sallmon, A. A. Miller, G. E. Perley, A. C. Anderson, and E. S. Slater; and W. H. Laird shall be President, L. E. Jepson, Vice-President, and George R. Merrill, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARCICLE V.

The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held at the time and place of holding the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and the Moderator of said General Congregational Association of Minnesota shall be the presiding officer at such meeting.

TWENTY-FOURTH REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Neighborhood Evangelism.

The idea of Neighborhood Evangelism, like many of our other institutions, dates back to the time of Moses. It may be remembered that in addition to the division of the nation into twelve tribes these tribes were themselves divided until there came to be a group of one hundred people in charge of one representative of the church and state. This man was supposed to look after the people of his neighborhood in the matter of godliness as well as in matters of order.

Interest in the care of neighborhoods, both in city and country, is one of the marked features of the early years of this century. As never before the school authorities are dividing our cities up into neighborhoods and endeavor to bring about a neighborhood consciousness in educational work. It has come to be understood that the care of strategic points is not enough and that we must get down in our religious work to the care of neighborhoods and their evangelism. This is the great ideal of the missionarv work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. It may also be added that in no other district of the country has more emphasis been laid upon this responsibility for the neglected neighborhoods than in the Minnesota-Dakota district.

Let us illustrate by an example. Here was a neighborhood within a few miles of the Twin Cities where the Sundays all through the summer were days for everything else but religion. To the lake, in this neighborhood, an automobile bus carried people every hour on Sunday and conveyances of all kinds brought considerable crowds from the cities. The children and young people of the neighborhood were growing up under such conditions and without religious effort of any kind. The Congregational Sunday School Society joined forces with two or three Christian people of the neighborhood and a canvass was made of the farmers roundabout. Then an apportionment was made for a Sunday afternoon at the capacious school house in the neighborhood and between fifty and sixty people assembled. On the part of the Sunday School Society it was a matter of organizing the neighborhood for religious effort and this was easily accomplished. There was unexpected resource in the way of Christian workers in the neighborhood. These were brought together by the Sunday School and teachers and workers have united in the support of a religious service without further expense. One of our ministers visiting this neighborhood for a preaching service later on said it was the finest thing he had ever seen in the way of an effort in the line of evangelism. The farmers' wives of the neighborhood united in an organization of a Ladies' Aid Society to provide wholesome social entertainment, as well as to sew for some poor people and to care for the sick and needy. This illustrates the

bringing of religion to a neighborhood. When I say that in sixty-six such neighborhoods in the two states similar beginnings were made last year it can be understood how large a part the Sunday School Society is having in Neighborhood Evangelism. It should be noted that in the two states there is a parish under the care of Sunday School Society workers, which numbers 221 Sunday Schools with 6,580 members. This is certainly a noble beginning in the way of Neighborhood Evangelism.

Economy: In passing we want to call attention to the economy of this form of Christian work in the matter of dollars and cents. In Minnesota, with a new superintendent in the northern half of the state, Rev. W. L. Sutherland and the work of Mr. Conrad, and other temporary help, the entire expense was about the amount paid to one pastor in a prosperous eastern church. Even a less amount was used in the state of South Dakota. After the first cost of visiting and providing for the care and supplies there is almost no expense to the denomination for the carrying forward of this Neighborhood Evangelism. The cost of this touch upon the community by the Christian organizer and the watch-care thereafter is surely but a nominal expense for setting in operation so many Christian forces in the neglected community.

Social Welfare: The United States government has been impressing on the country through the Department of Agriculture the necessity for social centers in the country to keep the young people on the farms and to develop the neighborhood consciousness in the finest possible way. These neighborhood Sunday Schools perform such a service often with their picnics and sociables. They with the Grange form a practical method of bringing together the people of a neighborhood and developing community consciousness. And this in turn tends to make life on the farm a gladness and delight rather than an isolation.

Opportunities: There is almost boundless opportunity in Minnesota, as well as Dakota, for such organization. Two of the best instances the last year were in Southern Minnesota, in the old and settled sections of the state. There are still countless neighborhoods like those around Mankato which have been so finely cared for through Rev. E. L. Heermance. Perhaps no more far-reaching work from the standpoint of patriotism and religion could be rendered the North Star state than the multiplying of workers located in large districts for this very purpose of Neighborhood Evangelism. The fact that our own state contributed only about $2,800 last year for such work as this indicates the opportunity for financial backing of Neighborhood Evangelism by the Congregational Churches, Sunday Schools and Missionary Societies of Minnesota.

Interests at Stake: Hitherto in this paper we have been emphasizing the earthly side of this Neighborhood Evangelism; but there is also the spiritual and eternal fate of thousands of people and hundreds of communities involved in this matter of Neighborhood Evangelism. In these Sunday Schools people are drawn to consider the matter of their eternal welfare through the study of

the life of Christ, the atoning death, and the resurrection, as well as the warnings and promises of God's word. In these neighborhood Sunday Schools, without the flare of trumpets, hundreds are brought quietly into the hope and faith of the life that is hidden with Christ. Incidents keep coming to the surface which show how God used these neighborhood centers for reaching people heretofore indifferent as to eternal things. A middle aged man came to me and said, "Formerly I was a disciple of Ingersoll. But I had to come into the neighborhood Sunday School and the first I knew I was drafted to teach a class of boys. I simply had to begin studying God's word to find the way for myself. All of this has led me out into the Christian life and Christian service." And I may add that this man had become the leading Christian element in the community. Only God sees and knows the depth and breadth and eternal reach of this Neighborhood Evangelism as conducted by our Sunday School Society in the great empire states of the west. It is certain, however, that in the most practical and economical way it gets down to the matter of personal religion in the outlying communities in city and country.

May it not be that with this Association we may place new values on this far-reaching work of the Sunday School Society and that we may furnish to that society out of the great harvest and prosperity that God has given to our state this year a double portion of the means necessary to do this work.

ROBERT P. HERRICK,

Superintendent for Minnesota Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

October 2nd, 1912.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE S. S. COMMITTEE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MINNESOTA FOR 1911 AND 1912.

Your committee regards the work of the Bible School as most important, and should command far more serious attention on the part of the adult membership of our Churches, than has been given thus far. Theoretically our people believe in this work and assent readily to its importance, but in reality and practice there is the most appalling indifference. It is safe to say that not one in ten of our adult membership feels a particle of responsibility for the work. One only needs to visit some of our churches over the state, as your Committee has done, and note how the great majority of the church people go away after the church service and leave a mere handful of its members to take care of the work which has the greatest possibilities and should prove most attractive to wide-awake and consecrated workers.

Your Committee has held frequent meetings during the year and has visited and addressed a number of conferences and Sunday Schools. We have not deemed it wise to send out a *Questionaire* this year, because of a

recent effort in this direction. No doubt such a questionaire the coming year might be helpful and call out encouraging replies.

A few features of our work should be noticed in this report:

1. TEACHER TRAINING—Last year the association voted to install at this meeting, graduating exercises giving denominational recognition to all teachers who had taken regular courses. To carry out this instruction the Committee spent considerable time and energy to gather all the names with addresses of Congregational graduates and students with the following results:

One hundred forty-nine completed First Standard Course, nine of these completed Advanced Course.

Two hundred and four students in training classes not yet completed. Of the graduates Minneapolis, 56; St. Paul, 21; Medford, 11; Lake City, and Erzroom, Turkey, 10 each; South Park, 9; Waseca, 5; Clarissa, 4; Northfield, Gaylord, New Ulm and St. Louis Park, each 3; Duluth, Detroit, each 2; Edgerton, Milaca, Cass Lake, Brainerd, Fairfax, Springfield, St. Charles, each

1. Twenty-one cities represented in these 149. Sixteen additional towns are represented by students in training; 353 all told, representing 37 cities.

How many schools in state?

The outlook for a better class of teachers is very bright.

The Committee regrets very much that it could not carry out the plan of graduating exercise for this meeting. This is due to a misunderstanding on the part of our Boston office. Their hesitancy in granting recognition to any who had taken other courses but the Congregational course, frustrated our preparations. It was only a few days ago, at a date too late to arrange for these exercises, that the matter was cleared up. The Committee therefore concluded that this recognition shall be given at the next meeting of the association when the work can be properly and impressively presented. And the Committee so recommends.

As a denomination we may well feel proud of Miss Slatery. Her course is unique and attractive. The books of the course may be seen here. Miss Slatery is very popular as a speaker as well as a writer. Her calls come from all parts of the country. She has just been on a tour to the Pacific coast.

2. GRADING OF SCHOOLS.—What is needed in our schools is proper climate —Lincoln Climate. This practically sums up all requirements. Suitable instruction. Illustrations: The Child Samuel and the story of Joseph are good climate for beginners. The story of David is fine for juniors. Our educational department, under Dr. Winchester, is selling high standards in Congregationalism.

Suitable teachers and surroundings are also indispensible to a good climate, not simply teachers in an academic sense, but friends; Arnold, of Rugby, is a good illustration of climate. We note with pleasure the progress in all these features. Our primary rooms are taking on a delightful atmosphere in pictures and other equipment. These conditions will do much to increase both attendance and efficiency.

3. ORGANIZATION.—Too much emphasis can not be placed on this feature. In spite of all that has been said of this need it remains true that very few schools have organized classes. The fruits of well organized classes are almost beyond computation. It opens a door for every needed activity in a parish. It insures coherence, increase, and continuity of interest. With fifteen to fifty organized units as individual forces the success of the school is assured. The pastor finds these classes a splendid aid in any worthy work that he may project. They become easily enthused over local charity and benevolence. District visitation, church advertisement, preparation for evangelistic campaigns, raising of funds for needed church expenses. Young people love to do things when definite plans are made for them. Make each class feel that they are "IT." Let them have a name, a motto, a yell. Let them come into competition with other classes. There are so many lines of work that can be developed in a well organized class that there is scarcely a limit to their possibility. Doing good at home and abroad should constantly be held out before the classes.

The men's Bible classes are a splendid illustration of what has been said. The late movements in behalf of men, viz., the Men and Religion Forward Movement, the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the Brotherhood Movement, have given great stimulus to these classes.

Your chairman was privileged last spring to meet with our National Sunday School Workers in a three days' conference in Chicago, and he cannot speak too highly of what he saw and heard. Both spirit and method from first to last were deeply impressive as well as most helpful and inspiring.

In conclusion may I say: To many the truism that "the rescue of the Child is the rescue of Society" is coming with the force of a new revelation.

"The transformation of the world depends upon the churches securing control of the children. Religion is caught rather than taught. All this means that the church must put Christian character rather than precept into this work. Your Committee appeals to the churches for a greater investment of Christian consecration in this, its most important work.

REV. W. H. MEDLAR, *Chairman.*
REV. EDWARD A. DRAKE.
REV. H. K. PAINTER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE STATE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE FOR 1912.

To the Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota:

Your committee has no flowery report to make. To tell the truth, results for the past year have not been satisfactory.

Conditions over which we have had no control have worked against us.

The apportionment plan has not been presented to the pastors and church officers as it should be for several reasons:

First. No member of the committee or other could be found who had the time to do this work.

To visit 225 churches throughout the state and make plain the working of the apportionment plan takes time.

Any new plan inaugurated and left to work out itself seldom works out. Again, owing to the empty condition of our treasury, the committee does not feel authorized to incur any further expense, for our small printing and postage bills are still unpaid. [Bills since paid. Editor.] Our Treasurer's report will speak for itself. The last Association authorized the Apportionment Committee to "secure a Treasurer for Congregational benevolences in Minnesota, and that the churches be urged to send their benevolences to such Treasurer for division and distribution on the approved basis of percentages."

Your committee acting on the above authority, secured a Treasurer and notified every church in the state.

The chairman of your committee mailed circular letters to every pastor, clerk or treasurer of every Congregational Church in Minnesota and received *not one single reply.*

A large majority of our churches paid no attention whatever to our request to send their money to our State Treasurer, hence she Treasurer can give no complete or satisfactory report.

All this sounds discouraging. However, we know of some churches where the apportionment plan has been adopted by the church and pushed by a few interested parties, with the result that the benevolences are almost doubled. If this can be done by a few churches, why not by all. The apportionment plan meets hearty approval wherever it is understood and has a few loyal friends to work it.

We desire to call your attention to and ask you to read carefully your own endorsement of this plan, which endorsement will be found on page 47 of the annual report of 1911.

We also heartily approve the recommendation of the Moderator of this Association with regard to the presentation of this work to the churches for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. DECKER,
Chairman.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Report of Apportionment Figures

The Congregational Churches in the Central Association, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $2,500.00.

Churches	Total	Churches	Total
Alexandria	$700.00	Monticello	100.00
Big Lake	90.00	Orrock	15.00
Burtrum	30.00	Pillsbury	10.00
Cable	15.00	Round Prairie	25.00
Clarissa	10.00	St. Cloud (Sw.)	100.00
Clearwater	80.00	Sauk Center	340.00
Culdrum	25.00	Sauk Rapids	70.00
Glenwood	240.00	Swanville	25.00
Hasty	25.00	Upsala	100.00
Little Falls	425.00	Villard	20.00
Little Falls Swedish	5.00	Woodal Brook	50.00

Names of Committee having apportionment in charge:

A. A. SECORD, Chairman, GEO. L. TREAT, Secretary
D. Y. MOOR.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Report of Apportionment Figures

The Congregational Churches in the Duluth Conference, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $1,700.00.

Aitkin	$ 45.00	Duluth, Pilgrim	1,445.00
Backus	10.00	Duluth, Plymouth	5.00
Biwabik	60.00	Grand Marais	5.00
Brainerd, First	95.00	Hackensack	5.00
Brainerd, People's	25.00	Walker	5.00

This report prepared by Rev. H. R. Harris.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Report of Apportionment Figures

The Congregational Churches in the Mankato Association, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $1,300.00.

Belgrade	$ 30.00	Kasota	26.00
Center Chain	15.00	Mankato, 1st	175.00
Ceylon	26.00	Mankato, 2nd	31.00
Edgerton	59.00	Mapleton	72.00
Ellsworth	25.00	Mattewan	25.00
Elmore	.....	New Richland	52.00
Fairmont	215.00	St. Clair	10.00
Freeborn	115.00	Salem, Cambria	40.00
Freedom	18.00	Sherburne	41.00
Granada	40.00	Waseca	175.00
Kanaranzi	10.00	Worthington	100.00

Names of Committee having apportionment in charge:

REV. A. G. YOUNG, Mapleton, Chairman
REV. A. G. YOUNG, Mapleton, Secretary
REV. A. W. ROSS, Worthington
MISS ROWENA CHALICE, Freeborn
MRS. W. J. RICHARDSON, Fairmont.

Official title of committee: "Committee on Benevolence."

This report prepared by Rev. A. G. Young.

Date, November 20th, 1912.

Total Apportionment to the Minneapolis Association of Congregational Churches for the year 1913, $26,000.00.

Anoka	$ 137.00	Mpls., Fifth Ave.	1,340.00
Brownton	31.00	Mpls., Mizpah	26.00
Elk River	155.00	Mpls., Bethany	113.00
Excelsior	202.00	Mpls., Robbinsdale	175.00
Fair Oaks	15.00	Mpls., Lowry Hill	2,125.00
Gaylord	33.00	Mpls., Lynhurst	125.00
Glencoe	147.00	Mpls., Oak Park	111.00
Groveland	76.00	Mpls., Forest Hgts.	300.00
Hutchinson	227.00	Mpls., Swedish Temple	113.00
Milaca	23.00	Mpls., 38th Street	113.00
Minniwashta	12.00	Mpls., Edina Mills	56.00
Mpls. First	2,325.00	Mpls., Linden Hills	662.00
Mpls, Plymouth	9,200.00	Mpls., Minnehaha	12.00
Mpls., Park Ave.	3,232.00	Mpls., Morningside	25.00
Mpls., Pilgrim	1,315.00	New Brighton	23.00
Mpls., Vine	115.00	Princeton	168.00
Mpls., Como Ave.	530.00	Sandstone	12.00
Mpls., Union	125.00	Silver Lake	214.00
Mpls., Open Door	76.00	Spencer Brook	12.00
Mpls., Lyndale	1,730.00	Stewart	12.00
Mpls., Fremont Ave.	502.00	Wayzata	150.00

SUGGESTED DIVISION OF THE OFFERING.

	Per Cent.
For Foreign Work	38
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	23
Women's Board of Missions of the Interior	15
For the Home Land	62
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union	15
Minnesota Congregational Home Missionary Society	24¼
American Missionary Association	5¼
Church Building Society	6
Congregational Educational Society	4½
Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society	5½
Ministerial Relief	1½

This report prepared by Rev. P. A. Sharpe.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Report of Apportionment Figures

The Congregational Churches in the Minnesota Valley Association, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $1,600.00.

Alberta	$ 40.00	Hancock	150.00
Appleton	50.00	Madison	150.00
Belview	20.00	Marietta	60.00
Benson	165.00	Montevideo	225.00
Campbell	110.00	Morris	200.00
Correll	20.00	Nassau	20.00
Dawson	160.00	Ortonville	75.00
Eldorado	40.00	Seaforth	
Graceville	35.00	Tintah	40.00
Granite Falls	40.00		

This report prepared by Rev. Walter M. Swann.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Report of Apportionment Figures

The Congregational Churches in the Northern Pacific Conference, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $900.00.

Ada	$100.00	Kragness	5.00
Akeley	5.00	Lake Park	2.00
Aldrich	2.00	Maple Bay	2.00
Argyle	25.00	Mahomen	2.00
Bagley	5.00	McIntosh	2.00
Barnesville	15.00	Mentor	2.00
Beard	2.00	Moorhead	150.00
Bertha	2.00	New York Mills	2.00
Cass Lake	5.00	Nymore	2.00
Crookston	140.00	Park Rapids	5.00
Detroit	100.00	Pelican Rapids	20.00
Felton	2.00	Staples	10.00
Fergus Falls	150.00	Turtle River	2.00
Fertile	2.00	Ulen	2.00
Fosston	2.00	Wadena	110.00
Glyndon	5.00	Waubun	2.00
Hawley	20.00		

This report prepared by B. A. G. Willoughby.

Date, October 30th, 1912.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Report of Apportionment Figures

St. Paul Association, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $7,500.00.

Cannon Falls	$ 100.00	St. Paul, Park	1,000.00
Cannon Falls, Swedish	60.00	St. Paul, St. Anthony Park.	500.00
Cottage Grove	100.00	St. Paul, Bethany	100.00
Faribault	1,000.00	St. Paul, Olivet	750.00
Lake City, 1st	500.00	St. Paul, South Park	50.00
Lake City, 2nd		St. Paul, People's	1,000.00
Lakeland	10.00	St. Paul, University Ave.	100.00
Marine Mills	15.00	St. Paul, St. Paul	50.00
North Branch	40.00	St. Paul, Cyril	25.00
Northfield	1,500.00	St. Paul, Forest St.	100.00
St. Paul, Pacific	200.00	Wabasha	90.00
St. Paul, Atlantic	200.00		

Report prepared by J. A. A. Bernquist.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Report of Apportionment Figures

The Congregational Churches in the Southeastern Association, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $7,500.00.

Austin	$ 900.00	Mantorville	200.00
Claremont St.	80.00	Lyle	150.00
Winona St.	2,700.00	Grand Meadow	150.00
Rochester	900.00	Dexter	50.00
Owatonna	750.00	Morristown	50.00
Spring Valley	350.00	Waterville	50.00
St. Charles	150.00	Zumbrota	50.00
Plainview	250.00	Lakeside Scand.	75.00
Dodge Center	200.00	Zumbro Falls	20.00
Stewartville	200.00	Rose Creek	25.00
Medford	200.00		

When were these figures sent to the churches? May, 1912.

Names of Committee having apportionment in charge:

REV. F. E. KNOPF, Chairman, REV. H. E. CHAPMAN,
Secretary, Fellowship Committee.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

This report prepared by Fellowship Committee.
Date, November 26, 1912.

Report of Apportionment Figures

The Congregational Churches in the Western Conference, Minnesota. Total amount asked of Association, $1,000.

Comfrey	$ 15.90	New Ulm	75.26
Cornish (Winthrop)	8.48	Selma (Comfrey)	34.98
Custer (Garvin)	42.40	Sleepy Eye	165.36
Garvin	82.68	Springfield	33.92
Lake Benton	45.58	Tyler	38.16
Arco	25.44	Walnut Grove	34.98
Lamberton	39.22	Winthrop	97.52
Marshall	269.24		

This report prepared by E. F. Wheeler, New Ulm.

THE ADVISORY BOARD.

There has seemed to be occasion for but one meeting of the Board during the year. At this plans were outlined for such co-operation as might be called for with the Fellowship Committees of the local Association.

The usefulness of the Board has been in the information it has acquired and is increasing, to place at the service of churches that are seeking pastors, and ministers who are available for service in the state.

The Board does not presume to make any recommendations, but simply communicates such information as it has or can readily secure, to those who desire it. There have been 48 new names of ministers registered, and a marked increase this year in the number of churches making use of our information not only in Minnesota, but from neighboring states.

The needs of the Board for the next year are not likely to exceed $25.00.

GEO. R. MERRILL,
Secretary.

THE MINNESOTA INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION.

The Commission entered heartily into the preparation for and sessions of the Home Mission Council in Minneapolis in the early part of the year, and when it was determined to include Minnesota in the Neglected Fields' Survey held itself ready to use its organization and facilities in furthering it.

It seemed best to organize a new committee for the State Survey, but our membership was found almost entirely upon that committee.

The plan adopted by the Home Missions Council, in which the school district was taken as the unit, when applied to Minnesota with its more than 8,000 school districts, seemed to be impracticable in the limited time proposed without an expenditure far beyond the resources of the committee.

The first report of the Neglected Fields' Survey will therefore not include the Minnesota situation, an account of which, however, is hoped for later in the year. This will be the special work of the commission during the year. Three denominations are co-operating in the expense and an appropriation is requested not to exceed $150.00.

For the commission,

GEO. R. MERRILL,
Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER

During the past year this Committee has gathered and preserved in the Library of the Minnesota Historical Society much information of our denominational work and history of the Congregational churches in this State. This is largely contained in the files of the state newspapers, 430 in number,

from all parts of Minnesota, and in several important histories of counties published this year.

The Committee especially desires and asks all the churches to send to the Historical Society, in St. Paul, whatever printed matter they can supply, as their yearly reports, if published, accounts of anniversaries or other church and Sunday School celebrations, sermons, etc. From these sources it is hoped that a book of the history of all Congregational churches in our state will sometime be compiled, with much aid through correspondence with their pastors and surviving early members.

WARREN UPHAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

Your committee feels like congratulating the Congregational Churches of Minnesota on the fact that they really have a college, and one of which they have reason to be proud. We found conditions surprisingly satisfactory. For the first time in its history the college has a good working endowment. Hence, financial problems reduced to minimum. We found an efficient and enthusiastic faculty. An increased number of students of an excellent class. We found some of the buildings overtaxed as to capacity, especially Laird Hall. And, judging from present conditions, believe the day is very near when we must start a campaign for more buildings. Gridley Hall has recently been changed and improved at an expense of over $30,000. The enrollment of students is fifty in advance of this period last year. We most heartily commend the service of Pres. Cowling and his co-laborers in the work. He and they believe, therefore it is done.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ALBERT,
J. P. MILLER,
P. P. WOMER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The report of the Resolutions Committee, which follows, was adopted:

"Your Committee on Resolutions wishes to submit, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1

"Whereas the total number of public hospital beds for tuberculosis in this state is entirely inadequate, judged by the provision made in other communities that are successfully combatting the disease; and

"Whereas such beds as there are are not properly distributed and are for the most part not available for advanced cases of the disease; and

"Whereas two years' experience under the County Tuberculosis Sanatorium Act (Chapt. 347, Laws of 1909) has shown that the counties unaided cannot build the required institutions;

"Therefore, Be it resolved, That an appropriation by the next legislature of a sufficient amount of money to establish or aid district institutions for all stages of the disease with accommodations for not less than 400 cases, is necessary if the disease is to be controlled.

2

"Be it resolved that we heartily approve the efforts being made looking towards world peace, and hereby instruct our Secretary to send to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs at Washington the following: To the House of Representatives of the United States—The State Conference of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota respectfully and earnestly request you to adopt the McCall anti-conquest resolution, now in the House calendar, as a strong help to peace and the political organization of the world.

3

"Be it resolved, That we petition the Legislature of the State of Minnesota to restore the law against Sunday sports and desecration of the Lord's Day.

4

"Be it resolved, That we endorse the work of the Family Altar League in the interest of Family Worship and that we strive for the resuscitation of the Family Altar in the Christian homes of our land.

5

"Be it resolved that we highly appreciate the gifts recently made to the Ministerial Relief Society for a nucleus of a one hundred thousand dollar endowment fund by Myron W. Skinner of Northfield, Dr. James W. Strong of Northfield, and the late W. H. Laird of Winona, and that we urge the Christian laymen to remember this fund both in their benevolences and in their wills.

6

"Be it resolved, That we express our appreciation and gratitude for the generous hospitality, facilities and brotherly fellowship extended to us by the Congregational Church, Carleton College, the Commercial Club, and the people of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WOODCOCK,
ALEXANDER RUSSELL,
ALFRED GREGORY.

CONSTITUTION

NAME.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2. It disclaims all ecclesiastical power or authority, but aims to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

DOCTRINE.

Art. 3. It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1883.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 4. Any minister who is a member of a Congregational conference in this state shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, with an additional delegate for each fifty resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership except voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot, after previous nomination by an informal ballot; an Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and satistics, and may also be Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES.

Art. 6. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, of which the minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held shall be a member, a Committee of Finance and Printing, a Sunday School Committee and a Committee on Historical Matter, of three members each, one of whom shall be chosen annually to serve three years, and a Committee on Carleton College, including the Moderator of the Association, with one representative from each Conference, chosen for three years and after first election one-

third to be chosen each year. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years.

For each annual meeting there shall be Committees of three each, on Nominations, on Place and Preacher, on Resolutions, and on Credentials.

This Association shall elect an Advisory Board of five members, of which the Home Missionary Superintendent shall be a member EX OFFICIO, the other four members to be elected as follows: The first year four members to be elected, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and thereafter one to be elected each year to serve for four years.

That it be the function of this board to act as a consulting body, and a bureau of information in regard to all the Congregational interests in the state; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the Advisory Committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to our churches and ministers; to be ready to advise and assist, on application, in the bringing together of churches and ministers, and to act as a bureau of supply; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local committees, or by the churches or ministers; and in general, to aim to consolidate and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the pastorate, and to quicken the fellowship united action of all.

PROVIDED, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the first Tuesday in October and close as directed by the Business Committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

Any rule of the Association may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the conference to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Moderator, on the opening day of the annual meeting at which he presides, shall deliver an address upon the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

7. The Secretary shall collect statistics from the conferences and churches, shall record and report to the Moderator events of special significance in the work of the year, as reported by the registrars, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, for which service he may receive reasonable compensation.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from conferences, according to the appointment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Moderator at the opening session, shall nominate all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make all local provision for the annual meeting.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment ta be published in the Minutes.

13. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each, ordinarily, to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot after nomination by informal ballot to represent the Congregational churches of the State at the National Council.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

YEAR		PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1: 4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby.....	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4: 7.
3	58	Faribault.....	Rev. D. Andrews.....	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11: 15.
4	59	Winona.....	Rev. C. Secombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3: 8.
5	60	St. Paul.....	Rev. D. Burt.....	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6	61	Anoka.....	Rev. O. Thomas.....	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4: 6.
7	62	Northfield.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd.....	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2: 18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17; 20, 21.
9	64	Rochester.....	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14: 10.
10	65	Minneapolis ..	Bro. R. G. Lincoln	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2: 1.
11	66	Faribault.....	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33: 8.
12	67	St. Cloud.....	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19: 11, 27.
13	68	Austin.....	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40: 3; 42: 5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna.....	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4; 22, 12.
15	70	Northfield.....	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4: 28.
16	71	St. Anthony...	Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D..	Rev. C. C. Salter, D. D.; Isa. 40: 3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.; Rom. 1: 16.
18	73	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D.; Phil. 2: 15.
19	74	Winona.....	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D. D..	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6: 9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.....	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1: 16.
21	76	Austin.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D. D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3: 8.
22	77	Faribault.....	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4: 2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16: 19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis ..	Hon. A. H. Young.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D.; Heb. 11: 1.
25	80	Northfield.....	Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D. D.; Matt. 23: 8, 10.
26	81	Rochester.....	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D.; Matt. 11: 4.
27	82	St. Paul.....	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Matt. 16: 14, 15.
28	83	Lake City.....	Rev. J.W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; Isa. 50: 4.
29	84	St. Cloud.....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery.	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1: 21.
30	85	Winona.....	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Jer. 32: 8.
31	86	Minneapolis ..	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D. D.; I Tim. 1: 19.
32	87	Fergus Falls..	Prof. Geo. Huntington....	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2.
33	88	Owatonna.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D. D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2: 15.
34	89	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield.....	Rev. G. R Merrill, D. D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5: 13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D. D.; Rom. 1: 15.
37	92	Minneapolis ..	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14: 12.
38	93	St. Paul.....	Rev. Smith Baker, D. D...	Rev. L. L. West, D. D.; Mark 13: 37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12: 32.
40	95	Alexandria ..	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D.; Matt. 6: 11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1: 9.
42	97	Montevideo..	Dean Horace Goodhue....	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24: 36.
43	98	Owatonna.....	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8: 19.
44	99	Rochester.....	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith...	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10: 21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D. D....	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19: 10.
46	01	Minneapolis...	Hon. D. P. Jones.....	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9, and Num. 23:28
47	02	Fergus Falls..	Rev. Alexander Milne....	Rev. Herman P. Fisher, Acts 13: 2.
48	03	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D. D....	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller.....	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D.: 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona.....	Rev. F. H. Oehler.....	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins, Acts I.: 14.
51	06	Minneapolis...	Dean W. S. Pattee	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LLD., Luke 12: 15.
52	07	New Ulm.....	Rev. Willis A. Warren ...	Rev. Chas. F. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault.....	Walter N. Carroll	Rev. Alexander Milne, Hebs. 12: 27.
54	09	Minneapolis...	Rev. R. P. Herrick, D. D.	Rev. Harry P. Dewey, D. D. John 1: 14-16.
55	10	Crookston.....	Pres. Chas. W. Cooper....	Rev. Clement G. Clarke, D. D., Luke 6:12.
56	11	Alexandria....	Rev. John H. Albert.....	Prest. Donald J. Cowling, I. John 4:8.
57	12	Northfield.....	Hon. David P. Jones.....	Rev. Frank E Knopf, John 5-19.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe.....1856—1870.
Rev. R. Hall.....1871—1875.
Bro. W. Cheney.....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1882—1889.

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901.
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901—1910.
" Rev. M. B. Morris .....1910—

ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

I. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Alexandria, June 17, 1913.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTE: Geo.- L. Treat, Rev. A. A. Secord.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	221	Dea. Geo. L. Treat	Alfred A. Secord.
Big Lake	58	Albert J. Johnson	W. C. Scott (Lic.)
Burtrum	31	Mrs J. M. Ward	H. T. Krausey.
Cable	22	Mrs. M. Scherfenberg (a)	
Clarissa	10	Mrs. L. D. Thayer	Supplied.
Clearwater	68	Mrs. Carrie M. Finch	Paul Winter.
Culdrum, (Swedish)	24	J. A. Rylander (b)	John P. Johnson (c)
Glenwood	189	Mrs. Alice Grant	
Hasty, Clearwater	13		Paul Winter.
Little Falls	219	Miss Sadie Fuller	Frank L. Atkinson.
Little Falls, (Swedish)	4	Catheryine Kling	Albert Peterson (Lic.)
Monticello	124		Henry Holmes (d)
Orrock	4	Miss Grace Craig	
Pillsbury	9		H. T. Krausey (e)
Round Prairie	49	Howard F. Copp	Supplied.
St. Cloud	95	Louis Olson	Ernest V. Bjorkland.
Sauk Center	187	James A. Norris	W. J. Brown.
Sauk Rapids	59	James Brown	Fred. Gray.
Swanville	11		H. T. Krausey.
Upsala	108	Gust Nelson	M. N. Wickholm.
Villard	70		No Services.
Wondel Brook	35		S. Arquist, Rose Creek.

(a) Bertha (b) Flemburg P. O. (c) Little Falls. (d) Big Lake. (e) Burtrum

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Clinton A. Billig, N. J. Boline, David Donovan, H. T. Krausey, A. J. Moncal, David Y. Moore, George F. Morton, William H. Owen, Charles M. Stevens, Walter A. Snow, Alfred A. Secord.

II. DULUTH CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Duluth, May 22, 1913. Joint meeting with Superior Association, Wis. Rev. H. R, Harris, Business Committee.

REGISTRAR: Harry R. Harris, Biwabic.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Geo. P. Sheridan, Dr. C. W. Bray, T. W. Hawkes.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitken	66	A. L. Hamilton	
Backus	16	Mrs. A. L. Miller	A. G. Parks.
Biwabic	42	Dr. Chas. W. Bray	Harry R. Harris.
Brainerd, First	116	Christian Bruyn	Geo. P. Sheridan.
Brainerd, Peoples	31	Mr. E. H. Green	Supplied.
Duluth, Pilgrim	427	Brewer Mattocks, Jr	Charles N. Thorpe.
Duluth, West, Plymouth	24	Roger M. Weaver	Allen Clark.
Grand Marais	17	James G. Scott	
Hackensack	12	Wm. E. Bodenhofer	A. G. Parks.
Walker	21		Geo. Michal.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Jeremiah Kimball, Geo. Michael, E. A. Mirick, Henry M. Pinkerton, James L. Jones, Harry R. Harris, Oscar Arvid Granholm, George Phil Sheridan.

III. MANKATO ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Worthington, June 22, 1913. Chairman Business Committee, Rev. A. W. Ross.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER: R. E. Roberts, Waseca.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Mankato; Mr. U. G. Argetsinger, Rev. John Imlay, Granada, Moderator and Registrar Ex-Officis.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade	81	Mrs. F. Jefferson, (aa)	John Heddle (Bapt.) (a).
Cambria, Salem	18	E. L. Harris, (bb)	
Center Chain	31	Miss Myra L. Shipman	
Ceylon—Federated	80	Mrs. Henry Christensen	R. C. Jenkins.
Edgerton "	15	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	
Ellsworth	100	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	Ellen P. Cox.
Elmore	72	Clarence O'Hara	
Fairmont	75	Mrs. A. Hyatt Smith	T. W. Barbour.
Freeborn	20	Mrs. Abbey Olson (ee)	R. P. Upton.
Freedom	43	George Geary	E. E. Howard (Lic.) (b).
Granada	52	W. H. Gaugh	John Imlay.
Kasota	151	Thure Johnson	Henry Nelson.
Mankato, First	62	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	
Mankato, Second	80	Richard Sandell	C. L. Anderson.
Mapleton	21	Mrs. L. W. Kruger	A. G. Young.
Mattawan	52	Mrs. Ed. Weise, (ee)	R. P. Upton (c).
New Richland	25	Mrs. C. A. Wagner	J. L. Jones.
St. Clair	88	Miss Ada Fields	R. E. Howard (Lic.) (b)
Sherburn	63	Mrs. F. B. Bellenhausen	W. J. Hoare (Lic.)
Waseca	126	Mr. W. A. Fetterberg	R. E. Roberts.
Worthington	98	Dea. George O. Moor	A. W. Ross.

(a) Mankato, R. D. 6 (b) Northfield (c) Freeborn (d) New Ulm, R. D. 5

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Wilber Fisk, E. L. Heermance, Thomas L. Griffith, C. J. Gall, Haverlock, Ontario; Chas. L. Hill, Hinsdale, N. H.; Jahn E. Evans, Stoneville, S. D.; Geo. K. Carter, Newfane, Vt.; A. G. Young, Ellen P. Cox.

IV. MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Minneapolis, May 6, 1913.
CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: James Roscoe.
REGISTRAR: C. J. Swain, Excelsior.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Jas. T. Elwell, W. N. Payne, H. K. Painter, S. B. Nelson, C. D. Decker, C. J. Swain.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	206	Edward L. Curial	Matt Evans.
Brownton	50	Mrs. John S. West	Mrs. W. T. Dawson.
Elk River	137	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	Wilbur M. Evans.
Excelsior	199	Miss Ella M. Stratton	Carl J. Swain.
Fair Oaks, Anoka R. F. D.-4	8	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	
Gaylord	42	Warner Larson	W. H. Hill.
Glencoe	172	L. W. Gilbert	
Groveland	9	Mrs. Ida C. Waters (a)	H. C. Payne.
Hutchinson	145	Arthur W. Mergen	Charles L. Hill.
Milaca	37	Mrs. Grace King	
Minnewashta	42	Clarence R. Empsy (b)	Carl J. Swain.
Minneapolis—First	655	H. E. Blackburn	
" Plymouth	1091	Seavey M. Bailey	Harry P. Dewey.
" Park Avenue	724	G. W. Teitsworth	Samuel Banks Nelson.
" Pilgrim	603	E. C. Scarborough	John P. Miller.
" Vine	98	J. W. Parsons	
" Como Avenue	221	Chas. Weigel	Hobart K. Painter.
" Union, St. Louis Park	84	Mrs. S. F. Hamilton	L. F. MacDonald.
" Open Door	58	Mrs. G. A. Hunt	Federated—M. B. Irvine.
" Lyndale	574	Lawrence Davenport	Frederick W. Foote.
" Fremont Avenue	231	E. A. Swain	Edward A. Drake.
" Fifth Avenue	418	L. R. Whiting	Perry A. Sharpe.
" Mizpah, Hopkins	48	Mrs. H. O. Truman	James Earl.
" Bethany	74	John Hodgson	James W. Morehouse.
" Robbinsdale	101	Henry A. Morse	James E. Ball.
" Lowry Hill	330	Adelbert H. Taylor	Frank Newhall White.
" Lyndhurst	149	William C. Holbrook	J. W. Cool.
" Oak Park	145	William J. Steinmetz	Clement C. Campbell.
" Forest Heights	230	Miss C. Monica Ralph	George Plumer Merrill.
" Temple, Swedish	370	Geo. Anderson	Alfred P. Engstrom.
" Thirty-Eighth St.	91	D. E. Loomis	Wm. E. Meinzer.
" Edina	30	Miss Frances Kell, R.D.2, Hpkins.	Edward H. Hale.
" Linden Hills	341	J. Frank Campbell	Ernest E. Day.
" Minnehaha	42	Mrs. Earle M. Birdsahl	Eli C. Lyons.
Morningside	29	Fred S. Gram	Edward W. Hale.
New Brighton	311	Shirley W. Reasoner	
Princeton	119	Miss Anna Sadley	James O. Fisher.
Sandstone	15	August Walden	
Silver Lake	114	Josef Uherka	Edmund Wibitzky.
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	43	A. Dunder, (Isanti, R.D. 2)	H. Martin Olson, (bb) R F.D.3
Stewart	18	Mrs. Laura Eynon	Mrs. W. G. Dawson.
Wayzata	94	Mrs. Mary Linscor	Wilbur N. Payne.

(a) Hopkins (b) Eureka (c) Minneapolis (d) Brownton
(bb) Cambridge, R. D. 3

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: J. E. Ball, Henry B. Beard, Eben M. Betts, Carl B. Bjugn, C. C. Campbell, Walter G. Carlson, Alden H. Clark, Rowland S. Cross, Clement G. Clark, Jas. W. Danforth, W. T. Dawson, Harry P. Dewey, E. A. Drake, J. W. Cool, John W. Davies, Jas. Earle, Alfred P. Engstrom, Matt Evans, J. O. Fisher, William A. Gerrie, Robert P. Herrick, C. L. Hill, Henry Holmes, Howard M. Jones, Alfred E. Koenig, Eli C. Lyons, D. H. Magnus, O. G. Mason, Wm. E. Meinzer, Geo. R. Merrill, Wm. H. Medlar, J. P. Miller, Andrew P. Nelson, Jarius L. Nott, J. F. Okerstein, Carl F. Olson, H. Martin Olson, Hobart K. Painter, Henry W. Parsons, Jas. Parsons, Wilbur N. Payne, Owen W. Roberts, A. W. Ross, S. S. Siebert, J. C. Shelland, Perry A. Sharpe, Ernest W. Shurtleff, Otis A. Starr, Carl J. Swain, Geo. A. Swertfager, Arthur H. Tebbets, Wm. L. Tenney, Henry K. Wingate, Edmund Wibitzky.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Dawson, June 12, 1913. Chairman Business Committee, Rev. James Roscoe.

REGISTRAR: D. T. Wheaton, Morris.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, Benson; F. C. Robbins, Benson.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alberta	40		
Appleton	46	Mrs. B. W. Johnson	F. S. Wheeler.
Belview	18	Mrs. Ina Adsit	Supplied.
Benson	104	Miss Emma Benson	Squire Heath.
Campbell	69	Miss Agnes Giddings	
Correll	14	Mrs. Jessie Hudson	F. S. Wheeler.
Dawson	88	John W. Dale	Supplied.
Eldorado	42		
Graceville	15	Mrs. C. S. Pierce	
Granite Falls	38	Miss Carrie D. Barnes	Supplied.
Hancock	94	Mrs. A. F. McArthur	
Madison	98	Sever T. Nordgarden	J. H. Slaney.
Marietta	42	Mrs. A. C. Miller	B. L. Richardson.
Montevideo	135	Andrew M. Parks	Walter M. Swann.
Morris	96	D. T. Wheaton	J. E. Parker.
Nassau	16	Mrs. H. S. Bragg	B. L. Richardson.
Ortonville	90	Ralph Burton	
Seaforth		No Services	
Tintah	24	Mrs. R. H. Cross	W. R. Mac Clane.

(a) Campbell P. O.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Kimball K. Clark, Squire Heath, N. E. Hannant, F. L. V. Meske, A. R. Larson, Walter M. Swann.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: Detroit, May 15, 1913. Chairman Business Committee, Rev. Andrew Erickson.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A. A. Miller, Crookston; Francis Wrigley.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERK	MINISTERS
Ada	79	Fred L. Hampson	Horatio H. Symons.
Akeley	32	Mrs. A. M. Davis	W. J. Horner, (Lic.)
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NOTICE!

Mr. E. W. Decker, President of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, was elected, at the 1913 Conference Meeting, Treasurer of the Apportionment Fund of the Minnesota Congregational Churches, in place of Rev. H. E. Chapman, of Waterville.

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Churches represented, 102, by pastors and delegates	205
Ministerial Members	10
Honorary Members	7
Registered Visitors	7
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MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harry P. Dewey of Minneapolis, in the Plymouth Church of Minneapolis, on Tuesday, October the seventh, at 10 a. m. Rev. E. E. Day of Minneapolis directed thought to the "Seeking and Expecting of Divine Guidance." Prayers, testimony and the hymns, "O Master, let me walk with Thee," and "Just as I am" were used as the Devotional preparation for the Business of the morning.

At 10:30 welcoming words were spoken by the Moderator. Upon motion Rev. Samuel Johnson of Lyle was chosen Assistant Scribe and Program as presented by the Committee thro its Chairman was adopted. J. M. McBride of Minneapolis and Rev. W. N. Payne of St. Paul were appointed to assist the Secretary in making up the Roll.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Printing was presented by the Chairman, received and placed on file and by vote the recommendation contained therein was adopted. (See page 73.)

D. P. Jones of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, reported for the Committee on Arrangements announcing plans for Registration and Entertainment.

The Audited Report of the Treasurer, Rev. M. B. Morris, the reports of the Visitor to Chicago Seminary, Rev. E. B. Dean of Northfield and of the Committee on Carleton College through its Chairman, Rev. T. S. Devitt of Winona, were read, and by vote received and placed on file. Report of Visitors to Windom College and Greeting from the State University were called for, but not given. Greeting from Windom College was presented by its President, Rev. J. H. Morley.

At this point by permission of the Business Committee, Mr. G. H. Elwell of Minneapolis presented and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Whereas it appears that questions of importance have arisen which deeply involve the educational interests of Minnesota Congregationalism, and in which there appears to be a possible conflict of interest between Carleton and Windom Colleges,

"And whereas it is desirable that such questions should be considered and passed upon with the least possible delay,

"Therefore resolved, that the undersigned Pastors and Members of Congregational Churches in Minneapolis and St. Paul respectfully recommend to the State Association the appointment of a select Commission of 15, with [illegible]nary power, to investigate the questions referred to, to hear representations

from the Trustees of Windom and Carleton Colleges, and to publish their report within thirty days."

	Signed by,
Rev. F. N. White.	N. F. Hawley.
George H. Elwell.	H. T. Eddy.
W. F. Webster.	A. P. Stacy.
Rev. H. K. Painter.	Rev. P. A. Sharpe.
E. S. Slater.	Everett Lesher.
Rev. E. E. Day.	E. F. Waite.
W. R. Cray.	J. R. Kingman.
A. M. Keith.	C. J. Hunt.
Frank H. Carleton.	Rev. P. P. Womer.
C. M. Way.	Rev. James W. Cool.
	T. H. Colwell.

The motion was seconded. Amendment was moved by Rev. J. H. Morley, of Montevideo, and seconded as follows: "To omit the words (with plenary power) and to omit the final clause (to publish their report within thirty days) and substitute (to report at the next Meeting of the General Association)." Discussion was participated in by several members, filling extension of session until 12:30, when upon motion the matter was laid upon the table to be taken therefrom in the afternoon session at the close of the Moderator's Address, and adjournment was taken.

At 2 p. m. the Association reconvened, Vice-Moderator, Rev. H. K. Painter, of Minneapolis, presiding. A Service of Hymn and Praise was led by Rev. L. F. John, of Faribault, the theme being "The Spirit Necessary," illustrated by four suggested "Joy Thoughts," Immortality, The Father revealed by the Son, The Holy Spirit's Coming and Mission and The Spread of the Kingdom entrusted to disciples, and four hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," "Joy to the World," "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices," "Thou Art the Way," and enforced by Prayers.

Reports from the Committee on Preservation of Church Property, the State Advisory Board, the Interdenomiantional Commission, and Committees on Church Federation and Preservation of Historical Matter were called for, but not presented.

By permission of the Business Committee Rev. E. L. Heermance, of International Falls, presented the Constitution and Roll of Churches and Ministers of the Rainy River Association and requested that the Association be received into the General Congregational Association of Minnesota. Upon motion this request with the papers was referred to the Committee on Credentials for examination and recommendation.

Rev. P. A. Sharpe, of Minneapolis, as Chairman of the Apportionment Committee, made a statement, and the Treasurer, Rev. H. E. Chapman, of Waterville, presented the report which was by vote received and placed on file. The Treasurer's request that his report be audited led to a motion and its adoption that the Nominating Committee report an Auditor for this specific

task. The same Committee was also instructed to nominate for the Association's vote a Treasurer of Benevolences.

After considerable parliamentary debate Mr. E. Dudley Parsons, of Minneapolis, was permitted by vote to read Resolutions, which he desired to present and thereafter they were by vote referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Recommendation of the Business Committee that five minutes be granted to Rev. David Bosio, delegate of the Waldensian Church in Italy was adopted and he addressed the Association.

Report of the Committee on Preservation of Historical Matter was read for the Chairman, by Rev. R. P. Herrick, of Minneapolis, and upon vote received and placed on file.

At 3:30 p. m. the Moderator's Address upon "An Outlook Upon Minnesota as a Field For Christian Enterprise" became the order.

At 4:25 the Moderator announced the Nominating Committee as follows: Rev. C. N. Thorp, Duluth, Chairman; Rev. F. E. Knopf, Austin; Mr. G. L. Treat, Alexandria; Mr. W. W. Morse, Minneapolis, and Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield.

Upon motion Ministerial Members and Delegates from the Churches of the Rainy River Association were granted the privileges of membership.

The College Matter was taken from the table and discussion was participated in, time being extended until 6:05 p. m., when by substitute motion the clause "with plenary power" was struck from the original Resolution and the word "Sixty" substituted for "Thirty" and the Resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice.

After announcement of those to assist as Deacons at the Communion, the Association stood, sang "Blest be the Tie That Binds," and adjourned after Benediction by Rev. T. W. Howard, of Birchdale.

The evening session began at 7:45 with the Organ Call to Worship. At the suggestion of the Moderator the Association sang, "We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps," which was followed by Scripture, Romans 10. read by Rev. James Earl, of Minneapolis; Prayer, by Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, Wadena. and a Duet by Messrs. Crosby and Long.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota was presented by the Secretary, Rev. M. B. Morris. Reception and filing was ordered by vote.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona, on the theme, "Salvation by Expression," the text being Rom. 10:10.

The hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" brought us to the Communion, presided over by Rev. E. W. Hale, Minneapolis, and Rev. H. C. Todd, Plainview. The helpers were: Mr. G. L. Treat, Alexandria; Mr. J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; Mr. J. E. Robinson, Northfield; Mr. W. O. Jones, Minneapolis; Mr. J. M. McBride, Minneapolis, and Mr. T. H. Colwell, Minneapolis.

The Annual Offering for the Board of Ministerial Relief was $76.34.

The closing hymn was "From the Table Now Retiring," and with Bene-

diction pronounced by Rev. H. C. Todd, the Association adjourned at 9:40 p. m.

WEDNESDAY.

The morning session of the second day of the Association was called to order at 9 o'clock by the Moderator. Rev. W. L. Sutherland led in prayer.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved. The roll of members present was read.

The Nominating Committee recommended a Committee on Credentials: Rev. E. E. Day, Minneapolis, Chairman, Rev. J. H. Barrett, Spring Valley, and Mr. J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; as Committee on Resolutions: Rev. J. A. Hughes, Grand Meadow, chairman, Mr. H. W. Page, Northfield, and Rev. H. R. Harris, Biwabik; as Committee on Place and Preacher: Rev. J. W. Cool, Minneapolis, chairman, Rev. H. E. Chapman, Waterville, and Mr. T. H. Colwell; as Corporate Members of the American Board for vacancy caused by death of L. A. Huntoon, A. A. Miller, Crookston, and for Chas. M. Way vacancy, two Nominees, Albert Baldwin, Duluth, and Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona. The recommendations were adopted.

Upon motion the Association adjourned and the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society convened and it was voted that the Officers and Nominating Committee of the Association serve the Missionary Society.

Two Documents were distributed entitled "Appropriations made by the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society maturing in the Calendar Year 1913." and "Annual Report of the Treasurer for the Conference Year, October 1, 1912, to September 30, 1913." It was voted that the report be received and placed on file, subject to signature by Treasurer and Auditor.

Superintendent Everett Lesher gave an address upon "Congregational Work and Opportunity in Minnesota."

Upon motion the Association reconvened and it was voted that the Nominating Committee report a committee for election who shall bring before the next Annual Meeting some plan for further unification of all our State Work.

Rev. E. L. Heermance gave notice that at the next Annual Meeting he would present Amendments to the Constitution, such as should make unnecessary the resolving from an Association to the Missionary Society or vice versa.

The Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society was by vote resumed.

The recommendation of the Superintendent "that steps be taken to employ some worthy brother of Evangelistic Gifts and Fervor who shall be at the service of our Church this fall and winter" was referred to the Board of Directors with power to act.

By vote the Committee on Finance and Printing was requested to print in separate form for general distribution 1,000 copies of the Superintendent's address.

At 11:20 President Ozora S. Davis began the first of his four devotional

addresses on the theme, "Discipline of Souls." His topic was, "The Supremacy of the Soul."

With the singing of the hymn, "Lord of All Being Throned Afar," and the Benediction pronounced by Rev. Francis D. White, Baudette, the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society adjourned.

At 2 p. m. Vice-Moderator Painter announced the hymn, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." Pres. Davis followed with the address on the topic, "The Soul's Hunger and Loneliness and Sources of their Satisfaction."

Rev. J. O. Ferris, Minneapolis, presented a Message from the American Sunday School Union.

Rev. E. A. Drake, Minneapolis, presented the Report of the Sunday School Committee. Its reception and placing on file was ordered and the following Recommendations were adopted:

1. That we urge upon all our schools the holding of a Monthly Cabinet meeting of officers, teachers and interested adult members, at which reports from the several departments may be received, and the ways and means discussed for increasing the general efficiency of our Schools.

2. That our Churches provide the running expenses of our Sunday Schools, thus permitting the scholars' offerings to go toward the Missionary and other benevolent objects, and thus train the rising generation to a larger and deeper interest in the Benevolent and Missionary Work beyond the bounds of the local parish.

3. That every School be urged to appoint a Missionary Superintendent, whose function shall be to provide definite Missionary instruction by means of a five-minute address before the Main School at least twice a month, and to stimulate the classes toward Missionary giving.

4. That in the interest of more efficient teaching, every School be urged to select a director of teacher training, whose work shall be the organization and supervision (not necessarily the instruction) of teacher training classes in the School, and who shall be a member of the Sunday School cabinet.

5. That pastors exalt the teachers' calling and give due recognition to the same by conducting a dignified service of installation of teachers at the first morning Church service of the new fiscal year of the school. At this service the high calling of the teacher may be exalted, and the promise obtained that the functions of that office will be regularly and faithfully performed. The teachers may thus be led to feel that they are a part of the teaching force of the Church.

6. That Congregational Sunday School District Rallies be held occasionally, at which our several schools may learn from one another, and where in open parliament progressive methods may be discussed.

7. That in the interest of a forward movement we urge every School to do its best toward the attainment during the coming year of the following Congregational State-Wide Standard of Efficiency: (1) A working Cradle Roll in 75 per cent of our Schools, a gain of 25 per cent. (2) A working home department in 40 per cent of our Schools, a gain of 100 per cent. (3) The use

of graded lessons in 60 per cent of our Schools, a gain of 18 per cent. (4) Organized Classes for the adult age in 35 per cent of our Schools, a gain of 15 per cent; for the teen age in 40 per cent of our Schools, a gain of 15 per cent. (5) Teacher training students in 40 per cent of our Schools, a gain of 15 per cent. (6) Missionary Superintendent in 20 per cent of our Schools. (7) 75 per cent of our classes for boys and young men to be taught, if possible, by male teachers. (8) An increase in the membership of our Schools of 20 per cent. (9) A director of teacher training in 25 per cent of our Schools. (10) A decision service, properly prepared for, observed in 50 per cent of our Schools, when our boys and girls may be given a definite opportunity to accept and confess the Lord Jesus Christ, as their Saviour and Master.

Rev. R. P. Herrick, Minneapolis, was prevented from being present by sickness and his address, "A Quarter Century of S. S. Work in Minnesota," was read by Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City.

"Then and Now" was the topic to which Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Detroit, spoke.

Dean L. A. Weigle, Northfield, spoke upon "Eucken, the Life of the Spirit."

Motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a committee of five to report at this Annual Meeting a plan for equalizing of traveling expenses to meetings of this Association. The following were appointed such a committee: C. J. Hunt, St. Paul, chairman; Messrs. A. P. Stacy and T. H. Colwell, of Minneapolis; Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, Wadena, and Rev. D. J. Cowling, Northfield.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee three minutes were given to Rev. W. H. Walker, representing the University of Chicago Press.

It was suggested by motion that the Resolutions Committee report some minute as to the 25 years' service of Rev. R. P. Herrick, in the employ of the Sunday School and Publishing Society.

With the Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and Benediction, by Rev. K. K. Clark, Minneapolis, adjournment was taken at 5:10 p. m.

The Organ Call to Worship at 7:45 p. m. made ready for the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." First Corinthians, 13, was read by Rev. Mandus Barrett, Rochester, prayer was offered by Rev. Frank Atkinson, Little Falls, and Miss Cook sang a solo.

After the Hymn, "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand," an address, entitled "Home Mission Dynamics," was presented by Rev. H. C. Herring, General Secretary of the C. H. M. S., New York City.

The singing of America was followed by the address, "The New Materialism," by Rev. Samuel G. Smith, St. Paul.

The closing hymn was "Fling Out the Banner." Rev. Samuel Johnson, Lyle, pronounced the Benediction and at 9:40 the Association was adjourned.

THURSDAY.

At 9:10 Thursday morning the Association was called to order by the Vice-Moderator and the hymn "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. W. Howard, Birchdale.

Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved. Upon motion the Association resolved itself into the Minnesota Missionary Society to hear the report of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee reported as members of the Board of Directors Joseph S. Gaylord, Winona; J. M. McBride, Minneapolis; Rev. Chas. N. Thorp, Duluth; L. C. Weeks, Detroit; Rev. P. P. Womer, St. Paul; A. P. Stacy, Minneapolis, and Mrs. C. J. Hunt (to represent W. H. M. U.), St. Paul.

The report was adopted. Also as voting members of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, Rev. D. J. Cowling, Northfield, and Lowell E. Jepson, Minneapolis. At 9:35 the Missionary Society adjourned.

The amendment to the constitution, proposed last year (that the word "Association" be changed to "Conference" in the name of this body), was presented and upon vote adopted.

The Committee to consider the Equalization of Expenses to the Annual State Association recommended as follows:

1. That the Churches of the Association be asked to take up an offering for this purpose on the second Sunday preceding the meeting of the Association and that this money be sent immediately to the Treasurer of the Association.

2. That all ministers and accredited delegates be asked to hand in the bill of their railroad expenses.

3. That there be refunded to these ministers and delegates as large an amount as can be paid without leaving a deficit.

The recommendations were adopted.

Rev. T. S. Devitt, of Winona, was asked to preside.

The report of the Brotherhood Committee was presented in a written statement from the Chairman, H. A. Williams, Minneapolis, and read by the Scribe.

An address, "Work For Boys," was given by Mr. E. W. Peck, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, Supt. Safford, of the Minnesota Anti-Saloon League, spoke three minutes.

At 10:00 o'clock President Davis gave the third Devotional Address on the topic, "The Soul in Devotion."

Rev. H. K. Painter, of Minneapolis, presented a paper entitled, "Proposed Changes in Denominational Polity as Suggested by the Report of the Committee of Nineteen." A discussion followed, opened by Rev. C. N. Thorp, Duluth, and Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield.

Nominating Committee reported the following recommendations, all of which were adopted:

Members of Board of Ministerial Relief: J. M. McBride, Minneapolis, and W. R. Cray, Minneapolis.

Committee on Sunday School Work: Rev. E. A. Drake, Minneapolis.

Committee on Preservation of Historical Matter: Warren Upham, St. Paul, Rev. E. M. Williams, Northfield.

Interdenominational Commission: Supt. Everett Lesher, St. Paul; Rev. H. K. Painter, Minneapolis.

Members of State Advisory Board: Rev. F. E. Knopf, Austin, and Rev. Lewis F. John, Faribault.

Member of Business Committee: Rev. E. H. Myers, St. Paul.

Committee on Printing: L. L. Dodge, Minneapolis.

Visitor to Chicago Seminary: Rev. M. Barrett, Rochester.

Visitors to Windom College: Rev. E. F. Wheeler, New Ulm; Rev. A. A. Secord, Glenwood.

Committee on Carleton College: Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis, chairman; Rev. Geo. P. Sheridan, Brainerd; Geo. L. Treat, Alexandria; Rev. A. W. Ross, Worthington; Rev. W. M. Swann, Montevideo; Rev. L. Lippitt, Detroit; Rev. W. J. Robb, St. Paul; Rev. A. E. Gregory, Owatonna; Rev. O. A. Barnes, Winthrop, and Rev. T. W. Howard, Birchdale, and the Moderator of the Association.

Committee on State Organization Unification: Chairman, C. J. Hunt, St. Paul; Rev. E. E. Day, Minneapolis; Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield; H. T. Eddy, Minneapolis, and C. M. Way, Minneapolis.

Auditor of Report of Apportionment Committee and Auditor of the Conference: Chas I. Fuller, Minneapolis.

Treasurer of Benevolences: E. W. Decker (N. W. National Bank), Minneapolis.

Committee on Apportionment: D. P. Jones, Minneapolis, chairman, and the chairman of the Committee in each local Association.

Committee of Arrangements: Chairman, Pastor of Entertaining Church with power to select his own committee.

Commission on Carleton and Windom Colleges: Cyrus Northrop, Minneapolis; Rev. H. E. Chapman, Waterville; Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona; Rev. H. P. Dewey, Minneapolis; H. T. Eddy, Minneapolis; J. D. Humphrey, St. Paul; Rev. F. E. Knopf, Austin; Rev. G. P. Merrill, Minneapolis; A. A. Miller, Crookston; J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; Rev. A. A. Secord, Glenwood; E. S. Slater, Minneapolis; Rev. Samuel G. Smith, St. Paul; Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City; W. F. Webster, Minneapolis.

Honorary Members: President Ozora S. Davis, Chicago Theological Seminary; Secretary H. C. Herring, Congregational Home Missionary Society, New York; Rev. W. J. Nugent, Newburyport, Mass.; Rev. J. T. Marvin, Grinnell, Ia.; Rev. W. H. Walker, Chicago; Rev. C. H. Maxwell, Natal, South Africa; Rev. Wm. J. Gray, Claire Association, Wis.

The motion was adopted requesting Committee on Nominations to report

a committee of three regarding the $50,000 pledge of the State Association made at Alexandria two years ago towards Carleton College Endowment.

The delegates and alternates to the National Council as chosen last year, it was recommended should be confirmed as the choice of this meeting. This was voted.

Nominating Committee put in nomination for the position of Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. M. B. Morris, St. Paul; Rev. G. P. Merrill was nominated from the floor for the same position. Messrs. Cowling, Hale and Meinzer were appointed as tellers. One ballot was taken and there was no choice.

It was voted that the addresses of the Moderator and Superintendent of the Missionary Society be printed in "Congregational Minnesota" and that the Committee on Printing arrange for such publication.

Committee on Place and Preacher recommended Wadena and Rev. C. N. Thorp, Duluth. The recommendation was adopted.

By vote the Conference was resolved into the Missionary Society and Chas. I. Fuller, Minneapolis, upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, was elected Auditor.

The Conference re-convened and the Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas, Congregationalists have always been among the foremost in promoting educational enterprises and particularly those of a distinctly religious character; therefore, be it resolved, that we hear with interest of the proposed Minnesota Bible Conference and pledge it our hearty moral support."

By vote election of Secretary-Treasurer was postponed and at 12:25 the Conference adjourned.

At 2:15 p. m. the Moderator announced the hymn "Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" and after the singing led in prayer. President Davis then gave his concluding Devotional Address on the Topic, "Reaction of Sympathy and Social Service in the Discipline of the Soul."

At 2:30 business matters were taken up. Messrs. Sutherland and Harris were appointed as additional tellers and a ballot was taken for Secretary-Treasurer, which resulted in the choice of Rev. M. B. Morris.

By permission of the Business Committee Rev. J. W. Cool, Minneapolis made a brief statement regarding the work of the Minnesota Congregational Club done at the Agricultural College.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Relief was presented and ordered placed on file.

The financial situation of the Missionary Society was presented to the Conference by Supt. Lesher, President Cowling and D. P. Jones, and in response there was received in pledges and cash $475.

The Auditor reported his O. K. upon the report of the Treasurer of the Apportionment Committee, and it was received and placed on file.

The Committee on Finance and Printing, in presenting its final report made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That $1,315.90 be the estimated expenses.
2. That an assessment of six cents per member be requested.
3. That the unpaid accounts, shown in the report and amounting to $340, be paid out of collections of 1913 and previous years' dues, and that such portion of these collections as may be required, if any, be applied to the payment of 1914 expenses, in case collections for that year are insufficient for the purpose.

The Committee on Resolutions reported five of them on the following subjects:

1. Request for Wednesday afternoon and evening of the next meeting of Conference to be devoted to the Missionary Society.
2. Regarding the paper "Congregational Minnesota."
3. Regarding Chicago Theological Seminary.
4. Regarding Labor Matters.
5. Regarding the 25 years' service of Rev. R. P. Herrick. They were all adopted.

In response to motion adopted by the Conference, the Nominating Committee recommended that Rev. P. A. Cool, Wayzata, represent the Conference in the affairs of the Anti-Saloon League.

With 3:30, Missionary Addresses followed. Rev. J. K. Browne, Harpoot, Turkey, on "Touring in War-Ridden Turkey." Miss Peck, Adana, Turkey, presented greetings of Adana Church and of Central Turkey Mission, and Miss Annie L. Howe, Kobe, Japan, spoke on "The Life and Work of the Late Rev. D. C. Greene, the first American Board Missionary to Japan, sent in 1869."

The Organ Recital was followed by a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Hunt. The conference was called to order and unfinished business was attended to.

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following committee was chosen to assist Carleton College regarding the Association Pledge toward the Endowment Fund: C. J. Hunt, St. Paul, Chairman; Rev. C. N. Thorp, Duluth; A. J. Nason, St. Paul; J. J. Dow, Faribault, and C. M. Way, Minneapolis.

The Credentials Committee reported having examined the documents presented by the Rainy River Association, and finds them to be in proper form. The report was accepted.

Rev. Frank N. White gave notice of an Amendment to Section 13 of the Rules of the Conference to be presented next year, regarding method of choosing delegates to the National Council.

By vote the Committee on Preservation of Property was continued and instructed to bring in a report at the next Conference.

Mr. D. P. Jones, delegate to the National Council, announced that his attendance at Kansas City would be impossible, and the Conference requested by vote that Rev. H. P. Dewey serve as his alternate.

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the bill of $50 presented by the Chairman of this last year's Committee on Brotherhood Work.

Rev. E. E. Day was requested to preside. By informal ballot the following nominations were made: For Moderator, L. E. Jepson, Minneapolis, and D. J. Cowling, Northfield; for Vice-Moderator, G. L. Treat, Alexandria, and Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis; for Scribe, Rev. G. P. Merrill, Minneapolis, Rev. W. M. Swann, Montevideo, and Rev. Samuel Johnson, Lyle. Upon formal ballot Messrs. Jepson, Treat and Merrill were elected to the respective offices.

Upon motion the Scribe was authorized to receive after the adjournment of Conference the signature of the Treasurer and Auditor to the report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

Upon motion it was voted that at the close of the Evening Session this 58th Annual Meeting stand adjourned.

After prayer, by Rev. F. E. Knopf, adjournment was taken at 6 p. m.

The closing session of the Conference opened with the Organ Call to Worship, followed by hymn, "They Who Seek the Throne of Grace." Rev. E. H. Myers read the third chapter of First Corinthians and Rev. H. E. Chapman, Waterville, led in prayer. An anthem was sung by the Plymouth Quartet and Chorus.

The minutes for the day were read and approved and the Committee on Resolutions presented the following resolution, which was adopted: "Be it resolved, that we express our deep appreciation and gratitude for the many kindnesses and generous hospitality which have been extended us by the Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis. We would specially express our thanks for the pleasant reception accorded the delegates by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dewey at the parsonage. We would also thank the members of the Church who contributed to our pleasure in enabling us to view the beauties of the city by placing at our service their automobiles."

After the singing of hymn, "We Are Living, We Are Dwelling," the two addresses on the work of the American Missionary Association were given by President Wm. T. Holmes, Tougaloo, Miss., and Cyrus Northrop, President of the Association.

The closing hymn was "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun." Rev. T. W. Howard led in the closing prayer and benediction. The Conference stood adjourned at 9:35 p. m.

HARRY P. DEWEY, *Moderator.*
GEORGE PLUMER MERRILL, *Scribe.*

M. B. MORRIS, *Secy.*

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Whose text is not included in the Minutes.

RESOLVED, By the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society that this Board requests that at the October, 1914, meeting of the State Conference it be given the entire afternoon and evening of Wednesday for the presentation of the work and needs of the Missionary Society.

RESOLVED, That "Congregational Minnesota" be made the official organ of Minnesota Congregationalism and that items of interest to our state be included in that paper.

This meeting of our Association has been signally favored by the presence and work of the honored president of Chicago Theological Seminary. Twenty-five per cent of the last class, constituting a band of five of her most choice and devoted men, have selected northern Minnesota as the field of their activities and are now engaged in promising and fruitful work among us, adding materially to the representatives of this institution in our midst. We are reminded of the close and significant relations between this state and the school of the prophets in Chicago.

Minnesota is one of the states which called this school into existence and became responsible for its sustenance. We look to it for recruits to our ministry. We shall call for more men in the future. Be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we renew our pledges to Chicago Seminary of sympathy and support, and cheerfully recognize her right to appeal to us for financial help and for our sons and daughters to be trained for Christian service.

WHEREAS, There is apparent everywhere a new awakening of the American Conscience that is expressing itself in a study of Social and Economic conditions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, heartily endorse all constructive efforts put forth for the advancement of Justice and Equity for all those who labor.

We also endorse the recent legislation looking toward the proper adjustment of the costs resulting from injuries, by the employers of labor.

We also believe in the "Brotherhood of Man," no matter what his station in life may be, whether employer or employee.

We believe that the highest interests of men may be reached by a co-operative effort on the part of all constructive agencies looking toward social and economic justice; the betterment of conditions under which men and women labor so that life and health would be properly safeguarded; adequate returns for labor that would make child labor unnecessary and criminal, and lessen the temptation to patronize resorts of vice and intemperance.

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God our loved and honored Dr. R. P. Herrick has been enabled to round out a quarter century of labor as the State Superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, The General Association of Congregational Churches of Minnesota in State Meeting assembled, place on record our deep appre-

ciation of the devotion to the Kingdom of God and loyalty to our denominational interests that have characterized these years of service. We would commend him for the zeal with which he has pursued his task, for the patience and sacrifice incident to a work that called for much travel and inconvenience. We also rejoice with him in the crowning of his labors with success, for the seed sown in many neglected and unpromising fields has been carefully watched and nurtured and the denomination is today the richer for this service.

His faithfulness in the discharge of various duties, his never-failing sympathy, his tact, his courtesy and tenacity of purpose has won for him the sympathy, the respect and the love of the churches and endeared him to the hearts of young and old. We extend to him our sympathy in this temporary interruption and pray that he may be sustained in peace during this period of separation from the work we know lies so heavily on his heart.

AN OUTLOOK UPON MINNESOTA AS A FIELD FOR CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISE.

REV. H. P. DEWEY.

A part of the charm of Minnesota to the emigrant from older sections of the country is the element of prophecy in its condition and activities. It attracts by what it is, but even more by what it is to become. To the New Yorker or New Englander, and even more to the stranger from across the seas, the living presence of the pioneers in this region excites unceasing wonder. Indeed, nearness to the days of the founders, some of whom remain to tell us of the early times, must make us all feel that we are only at the beginning of things. This impression is deepened when we take note of the swift changes ever going on, when we make reckoning of vast resources yet undeveloped, of stupendous energies yet unemployed, of achievements marred by crudities, until the chronic mood becomes one of expectancy as we stand tiptoe and allow the fancy to prospect upon the morrow and the day after.

Another feature of the state which impresses by contrast those who have come hither from the more ancient sections of the country or world, and which also is a token of its youth and immaturity, is the exceeding roominess of it. All New England with Connecticut doubled might be laid down within its borders and still Delaware and Maryland would be needed to hide its surface. St. Louis County alone is bigger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined, and yet, including Duluth and several other of its cities of modest size, that county has only about one-third of the population of all Rhode Island, while the entire state has but 2,075,708 souls, about the population of Switzerland, which is a territory less than one-fifth as large. The average of population per square mile for the United States is 30 per cent, but in Minnesota it is but 27 per cent; and when we consider that 41 per cent of the population of the state is in cities having more than 2,500 inhabitants, and that another sizable percentage is in villages, we know that the average per mile in rural districts is very much under that for the entire state. To speak more exactly, it is about fifteen. The splendid genius of the railroad builders has laid more than 8,000 miles of track in the state, but as one looks from the car windows when riding through certain portions of the timbered country, he gazes upon a lonely wilderness in whose depths are many settlers too far away to hear the shriek of the whistle, and whose little farms yield products which cannot be marketed because of the long haul to the station of the people's common carrier.

These spatial attributes of the state are a fascination. They gratify the instinctive love of freedom. They are an imposing background for other dimensional attractions, for resources, enterprises, projects of various sorts which stir the pulses, because they bespeak achievement of huge proportions. Mrs. Humphrey Ward, when visiting Canada for the first time two or three years ago, said that she was thrilled by the sense of onward movement, of great powers being liberated, of an empire struggling to be born. That is a

feeling which will seize the thoughtful traveler as he rides over the pairies of the Dakotas, and it will become a soul-expanding sensation as he pushes on into Montana, a state which fairly bewilders one with its colossal magnitudes, its endlessly varied riches yet in nature's keeping, and its panoramic glories of scenery; but a little excursioning in Minnesota will start the impulse quite as strongly and make the traveler, if he be a resident of the state, waken to a fuller pride tempered by humility.

Unquestionably Minnesota, topographically considered, is one of the most interesting sections of the country, if not of the entire world. There are multitudes of citizens who are but vaguely aware of this distinction, and there are some who appear wholly oblivious of it. They are like the man who lived all his life three miles from Niagara Falls and never saw it.

Where else in the land or in the world has nature so wondrously bejeweled prairie and forest with lakes that bear, as the name of the state betokens, the hues of the sky in their bosom? There are nearly 10,000 of them, we are told, many of them lying as solitary gems on the velvet landscape, others of them strung together as in a variegated necklace of emerald or turquoise. You may gratify your love of the beautiful by such choice little lakes as are found near Alexandria and in a hundred other localities, or you may give rein to the emotions of sublimity as you look upon veritable inland seas. Of the more than 84,000 square miles within the state boundaries, more than 5,600 span areas of rivers and lakes whose waters, in triple shed, flow to the south by the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, to the west by the St. Louis and smaller streams to the Great Lakes and on to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and to the north by the Red and Rainy rivers and various intervening basins to Hudson Bay.

It is a little strain upon the imagination, if one has not beheld the august spectacle with his own eyes, to learn that within Minnesota is the largest lake that any state can claim as all its own. And this Red Lake with its more than 400 square miles of surface, majestic as it is, leaves proportional adjectives for the description of smaller but imposing sisters such as Leech, Winnibigoshish and Mille Lacs, not to speak of such lesser ones as Cass, Minnetonka, Vermillion and Osakis. On the international borders, shared with Canada, is Rainy Lake within 100 square miles of the bigness of Red Lake, and further up is the mightier Lake of the Woods with an expanse of 1,500 square miles, while beyond these in grandeur and importance is Superior, the queen of all American inland waters, whose shores describe a considerable segment of Minnesota's northeastern boundary. But without reference to this sovereign fresh water reservoir of the continent, picture if you can the day, sure to be, when these greater lakes referred to have thrifty towns and cities upon their shores; when they are the medium of a varied commerce; when their well nigh incalculable powers are harnessed to the uses of manufacture and irrigation; when the lesser ones yield their fructible beds up to the farmer; and when, greater and lesser, if they be not employed for more substantial uses, they become the haunt of multitudes who in the summer

season find in their society refreshment for body and mind and inspiration for soul. To me the amazing thing is that so few Minnesotans seem as yet to have discerned what recreational facilities are near at hand. New Hampshire long ago realized that her mountains and lakes and ocean shore were a commercial asset and now she exacts a toll of perhaps not less than $3,000,000 a year from the summer visitors. With the keen sense for gain which characterizes the business men hereabouts, it is passing strange that the natural wonders of Minnesota have not been commercialized as one of its greatest sources of wealth. Surely, there is no other state lying between the Hudson and the Rocky Mountains that can boast such rare and engaging charms; and with them Minnesota becomes the nearest and most logical relief from the oppression of debilitating climates to the inhabitants of the states immediately to the southward.

It is worth noting just here that the state is well up in the more salubrious atmospheres of the earth's surface. Its numerous lakes modify and equalize the temperature, and since every 300 feet of elevation in this latitude reduces the average of heat one degree, its range above the sea, ascending from 602 to 2,230 feet, insures to its inhabitants an abundance of ozone, comparative freedom from humidity, and an average each year of something like 150 days of sunshine whose vitalizing rays are transmuted into courage and cheer of heart. If ever you are doleful and think that more radiant skies might be medicinal, take up a temporary residence at Tower, Minn., which has a record of 213 days of unclouded blue; or, if the pensive memory of New Hampshire or Vermont stirs your desire and you sigh for the highlands and their ministry to eye and soul, you may—perhaps you will be surprised as I was to know it—you may look upon hills which crown the prairies and wooded plateaus. From the waters of Superior you may see the Sawteeth Range fringing the shore. To the east rises Mount Josephine, 1,305 feet above the sea and 700 feet above the level of the lake. Overlooking Portage Bay, and nearly 1,000 feet above the lake, stands Mount Carlton To the north of the Sawteeth Range, and loftier, are the Misqua Hills, and in the valley of Pigeon River one is confronted by Mount Northrop and the Twin Peaks, highest of all the distinct elevations, the former 1,950, the latter 2,060 feet above the ocean line. In apparent altitude, these mountains are not mountains at all, but their actual height is respectable and warrants the designation; and to the citizen who for a summer's outing is denied the Rockies or the Alps or the Presidential Range and has the real love of the hills in his breast, they will serve as a gratifying substitute.

Yet, notwithstanding all these prodigal facilities for the delight of nature lovers which Minnesota possesses, it is after all but a small company of visitors that is enticed by them; and one reason, we are bound to own, is, that, while nature makes winsome overtures, the Minnesotans themselves fail to second her hospitality. Were I not in an unworldly profession and were put to it to earn my bread in a secular calling, I can conceive of no way by which I might obtain a handsome income, and at the same time perform a

real service to a neglected public, more certainly, than by instituting in some especially favored beauty spot in Minnesota a summer hotel or boarding house, clean and generally attractive, with an appetizing and hygienic table, and of simple but modern appointments. With perhaps one or two exceptions, such hostelries are not to be found, and the woefully inferior ones that exist are often filled to the brim the whole summer long with meek guests who have fled to Minnesota to escape from such torridities as are suffered in Omaha and St. Louis and Oklahoma City. Civic pride and a philanthropic spirit should combine with financial cupidity to meet this very considerable want.

Whatever just renown for scenic attractions may be denied Minnesota, its more prosaic ones relating to bread winning are gaining rapid fame. Its actual and material wealth is not a subject for debate.

Nearly 20,000,000 acres devoted to agriculture place the state in the van as a producer of wheat and other cereals. It grows potatoes which in abundance and quality put Erin to blush. It long has held the palm as the banner state for butter. The output of its factories totals more than $270,000,000 per year. Its flour mills are the mightiest in the world, turning out, according to the latest available figures, more than 165,000 barrels a day. Lumbering, once the leading trade and luring hither many an ambitious young fellow from northern New England because it was the business he knew most about, is fast waning, and yet there still remain considerable stretches of virgin forest, and the ravenous maw of the pulp mills will be gorged for many days to come till naught but tiniest Christmas trees are left.

In St. Louis and adjacent counties, when the axe had felled the trees, greater riches were found beneath the denuded surface, and the iron mines of northeastern Minnesota, according to the State School of Mines, had produced from the time of their opening until 1911 the grand and astounding total of 278½ million tons of ore. While in Hibbing the other day, I stood on the edge of the Mahoning mine. Excavations half a mile in width and a mile in length and from 150 to 200 feet in depth had but just exposed the top portions of the ore which lay in austere, bewildering massiveness before the eye. Again, at the Commodore mine in Virginia a huge scoop in the surface drift revealed advance yieldings, with $4,000,000 worth of metal still remaining to be extracted. Train after train bears the precious stuff from various mines to the Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas, and from that port, whose tonnage is the largest of any city in the world, it is shipped for the varied uses of humanity—to become the girders of the mammoth bridge, the turbine wheels of the ocean leviathan, the reinforcements of the vaulting concrete skyscraper, the ninety-pound rail under the limited express train, or the trembling mainspring in the lady's watch.

Weird, awful, fascinating, is the Iron Range! Little of beauty remains in the landscape. In the vicinity of Hibbing vast areas of desolation—a scrub growth of trees interspersed with lifeless trunks, stripped and scorched by fire, and with large stumps that pathetically witness to a once magnificent forest—confront one everywhere. The mines themselves are ugly and for-

bidding, and they provoke the solemn reflection that, rich as they are, their stores are limited. When the buried wealth has all been dug, when the lust of gain can find nothing more to consume, what a dismal scene there will be—unless perchance a third discovery be made, or the trees return to their own.

Just now, however, there is more of wealth and potential energy per square acre in the Iron Range than elsewhere in Minnesota. The towns of the region triumph over their unlovely surroundings by their business activity and thrift. Virginia, the Queen City of the group, has splendidly paved streets, several of which at night are brilliant "White Ways" vying in splendor with Nicollet avenue, which, indeed, they seek to emulate. Its court house and its public library, though smaller, are more beautiful and adequate than the similar buildings in Minneapolis, and the high school building, both in Virginia and in Hibbing, in its form, equipment and arrangement, and in general elegance is superior to any corresponding structure here excepting the one just completed for the Central High School. Virginia is also developing a park which, with meagre aid from nature, is at least a worthy tribute to man's craving for the æsthetic. In divers ways, then, does our state disclose its physical comeliness, its commercial greatness and its general importance in the matter-of-fact interests of the world. It is an alluring place of residence for all who would set their powers in the quest for material profit and temporal happiness. Is it an equally promising field for Christian enterprise?

Three aspects of the situation have impressed me as I have looked at the problem at first hand.

I. There is the case as it stands in the larger cities, but many of you are more familiar with this phase, and I will not stay to discuss it, save to remind you that both spiritual need and spiritual opportunity are vastly magnified in urban communities. Supremely is the spiritual and moral crisis in the state and country one of the leading centers of population. There life is most varied, full and intense; there the forces of evil are most powerfully organized and find the most abundant material to exploit; there the forces of righteousness and truth have the fiercest combat to wage and perhaps there they are in best form for the struggle. Statistics become startling with their urgent summons to the churches of Minnesota, when we learn that in the decade closing with 1910 the urban population increased five times as rapidly as did the rural, and that of the total increase only one-fourth was in the country districts, while one-half was in cities of over 2,500 inhabitants. It is a very searching and pertinent question whether the zeal and efficiency of the churches are matching the rapid municipal growth.

II. Another aspect of the situation is to be seen in the smaller cities and larger villages, of which there is a great number in the state. It is typified most strikingly in those on the Iron Range.

There the towns are intensely alive, and just as typhoid fever takes firmest hold of a vigorous man, so in these bustling, active centers of popula-

tion the virus of sin has freest and most deadly play. Thinking of the worthy industries of Minnesota, it does not increase our pride to reflect that the malting and brewing establishments report a capacity of 8,500,000 bushels of barley. We are well aware of the mortgage this stupendous business has upon the soul of Minneapolis and of St. Paul; its awful handicap is also placed upon these newer towns of the north country. As you walk the streets you are impressed that the devil is a thrifty real estate agent, that he has a sense of locality and knows how to make his income more than meet the costly rentals, for again and again you discover that he has stationed an attractive open bar on a prominent corner. I remember seeing in the very center of the main business street in Virginia, at its intersection with another street, an apparently prosperous saloon on each of three of the four corners. It will readily be understood that these flourishing establishments denote a certain paralysis of moral fibre, a certain deadly compromise hindering moral endeavor. In one town visited (not on the Range), a town of perhaps 1,000 or 1,500 people, the pastor of the church complained that there were fourteen families in the place interested in the saloon business, and that he could hardly count upon a single man in his congregation who would dare take any active stand against it. The surest man he had was not a member of the church and was somewhat given to profanity, but, as I conversed with this man I felt my respect for him steadily rising, until I concluded that he was one of the uncalendared saints. Everywhere, of course, the liquor trade feeds upon and fosters other agencies of vice. Virtue in men and women is persistently tested, and in such environment it inclines to break under easy pressure. In the Iron Range especially, the very atmosphere is surcharged with the materialistic spirit, or, with what Paul would call the spirit of the world. Wherever mining for ore of any sort is the chiefest employment, this temper prevails, and in the lure of the abundance of things men forget that the real treasures are within.

A bright, relieving feature, however, is the emphasis placed upon education on the Iron Range. Lavishly do its cities provide schools which both in physical equipment and in intellectual quality are not surpassed by any in the state. Assessments are made to cover their need and the taxes are willingly and ungrudgingly paid. I saw a group of boys waiting for the opening hour on the steps of the high school building in Virginia. They were fine, sturdy chaps, with a glow of eagerness on their faces, in their very appearance a pledge and prophecy of the coming useful citizen, if a reasonable chance could be given them.

But schools alone will not make patriots. Prosperity never has been, and never can be, secured by mere learning or by learning and business capacity united. Rome was most intellectual when it was rottenest. The brain of France was most erudite when its conscience was most corrupt. Some of the most arrant rascals in the calendar of crime are those who are learned, polished and eminently capable. It is only the sense of duty, sanctioned by religious belief, that, in the ins and outs of time, makes a com-

munity soundly prosperous and truly happy. Yet this motive must be fortified and cultivated by every natural means. What is needed in these places of which I speak is an antidote. Most vices are virtues gone to excess or wrongly directed. The native instincts must not be stifled. There is wisdom in the lines of Pope:

> "Yes, nature's road should ever be preferred
> Reason is here no guide, yet still a guard;
> 'Tis hers to govern, not overthrow,
> And treat this passion more as friend than foe."

These northern cities and villages, and others of their pattern, do not so much need to hear the Ten Commandments. Not, "Thou shalt not!" but, "Thou shalt!" is the admonition for them—"thou shalt overcome evil with good!"

The thing that has saddened me most as I have wandered about the state is that this wisdom is so seldom in operation. One evening I stepped into a moving picture show in Thief River Falls. The exhibition was measurably harmless, though cheap and useless, but the room was nearly full, and two-thirds of the audience were young men. The only similar entertainment witnessed was in Virginia. The representation was Tannhauser, the opera, excellently done, educative and interesting, but followed by a sensational, vulgar skit which injured the effect of the Wagnerian classic. There was a large audience of men, women, youth and children.

So far as I could ascertain, in all of these towns, there is almost no public social substitute for the indifferent or debasing theatre, the pool room and saloon, the dance hall and worser places of resort. Churches, of course, there are, but almost without exception they offer nothing of commanding social interest aside from their stated service and an occasional sociable or picnic. Think of Hibbing, Virginia, International Falls, Thief River Falls, and towns of equal size, not to mention lesser ones like Chisholm and Baudette, and in them no sign of anything like a Young Men's or Young Women's Christian Association where the whole social man, with physical, affectional, spiritual and intellectual cravings may find gratification. Indeed is it not a rebuking fact that the Young Men's Association has as yet planted itself in but thirteen towns in the state? Who is guilty that this effective institution has not been established to safeguard the youth in such apparently self-respecting centers as Crookston and Faribault?

III. The need is equally apparent when we consider the third aspect of the situation—that presented in the very rural settlements. What is so hostile to the moral and spiritual nature of the people on the farms and in little villages as the want of proper social stimulus and satisfaction? The telephone and automobile are some relief to the monotony, but as yet they are possessed only by the more affluent families. Another and conspicuous blessing appears in the consolidated school. At Birchdale, a scattered farming community at the edge of the wilderness along the Rainy River, you may see a substantial, attractive, four square building just completed. It has been

erected by three townships aided by a state subsidy, and it is equipped with modern toilet and heating facilities, and in addition to ordinary class rooms it has apartments for manual training and domestic science. Every morning of the school year teams provided by the board of education collect the children from a radius of five miles and redistribute them when the session is ended. This seems like genuine good fortune to the community, and here and in all towns and cities the school buildings must become centers for various wholesome expressions of social life. But at Birchdale a church building is being reared a stone's throw from the school, and this proximity symbolizes the incontestable logic of the times. In country and in city utilize the school for purposes of social interest and betterment to the very utmost; let its buildings be appropriated, under wise direction, as the people's club house, if you please, but see to it that the church supplements the social activities of the school by those within itself, and though keeping itself distinct from the school is ever associated with the school, supplying to the whole community those highest influences which create and preserve friendship and make knowledge useful.

This demand for a more social and socializing church is paralleled by the demand for a more united church. One cannot go far upon a religious investigation in Minnesota without beholding to his consternation and sorrow the narrowness and folly of overdone sectarianism. A layman in one of the towns on the White Earth Indian reservation told me of his mournful experience. A young woman of the parish of which he was a member had died, and the church being for a time pastorless, the minister of a neighboring church, of a denomination which shall be unnamed beyond saying that it was Protestant, was asked to perform the funeral rites, but he straightway inquired whether the young woman had been baptized, and whether she had believed in a Triune God. He wanted to know why he had not been called in to interrogate her before the end came, and concluded by refusing to officiate. This sounds like a tale from the Dark Ages, but it indicates, I fear, the ignorant bigotry which is all too common in some of the smaller communities. Pitiful enough is the dogged, senseless, wasteful tenacity of "isms" and forms which keeps three or four little churches in a semi-moribund condition for the sportive jest of the godless, when by combining their forces and laying firm hold upon the few essentials of faith, they might be one church with a virile preacher and an adequate and commanding plant. The painful admission must be that the church is not so wise in this generation as are the children of the world. Federation and combination are magic words in the secular enterprises, and they name the methods which the church must adopt if her Herculean task is to be accomplished.

That task bulks larger every hour in Minnesota, and is made more complex by the fact that the population is rapidly becoming more mixed. More than one-fourth of it is of foreign birth. Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Scotland and Anglo-Saxon Canada, lands that are kin with our own in strains of blood and faith, have given us the major part, but the

last census notes 37,000 Austrians, 26,000 Finns, 11,000 Belgians, 11,000 French Canadians, 17,000 Russians, 9,000 Italians and 5,000 Hungarians. Twenty-five nationalities are reported in the Virginia public schools, and out of 4,244 children attending them, only 169 are of American parentage. But all of the emigrants and all of the natives are not profiting by the schools. It is a bit disconcerting to learn that even in this enlightened state the census records 49,336 persons of ten years and over unable to read and write, 6,139 of whom reside in Minneapolis; and that there are within the state 23,603 illiterate men of voting age. This may not seem an alarming showing of ignorance and we may trust that the spirit of education which prevails will enlighten it, but these darkened minds require the incentives of intelligent religious conviction.

Meanwhile, the churches of Minnesota—of our order particularly—are hardly marking time. The last available census gives 41 per cent of the people of the state as church members, 834,000 plus communicants of all kinds, of whom the Congregationalists number 22,000, or about 20,000 actually on the ground. Or, to put the matter in another way, there are 27 people to the square mile in the state and only nine or ten of them are attached by covenant to any church. Of course, this ratio does not indicate the number of those who are interested in the church; it leaves out of account the children in the Sunday Schools and those supporters and sympathizers not on the rolls who are the untitled saints, but, making all the additions we can, through the slenderest ties of loyalty, to organized Christianity, it betrays a veritable host of people who have no interest in the church and are not perceptibly influenced by it.

Why are we not more concerned? In the United States there were last year 6,064 Congregational churches, and 1,792 of those that reported their stewardship made no additions to their membership. What were these unproductive churches doing throughout the twelve months? I am glad to say that by and large, through the country, there was a total gain to the denomination of more than 4,000 members, but I am especially concerned to ask what was the matter with Congregationalism in Minnesota that it not only did not gain during 1912, but actually lost 164 members from its rolls. This inquiry, however, is of less moment than another one. Why was it that Congregational churches in Minnesota gave last year only a little more than $2.50 per member to all kinds of benevolent objects especially fostered by Congregationalists; and only a little more than $1.30 per member to the stated Congregational missionary societies; and only about 55 cents per member to prosecute the missionary work in and for Minnesota? Is there not an indictment in this narrative of parsimony to make us pause and search our hearts?

We are not sectarians. We care little for denominational success as a matter of competition, but God has given us a territory all our own to occupy and we have but feebly honored the trust. Who was asleep when the first need pled for help in those towns on the Iron Range? Virginia has doubled its population in four years and now has more than 10,000 people. Why

were we not as quick to plant the church there as the mining operators were to ply the diamond drill and the steam shovel?

Minnesota has some 1,500,000 acres of wild public lands open for settlement. The other day a man in the north country attended church for the first time in five years. Tears of delight filled his eyes. He had been holding a claim in the wilderness where there was no church and no preacher, and all through that mighty stretch of timber south of the Rainy River there are isolated homesteaders toiling to clear a little farm. They have in them the elements of heroism, else they would not be there; they are on the frontier to make a place for themselves and their families; and the wilderness will some day blossom as the rose for their travail, though they may not live to see the goodly sight and be comforted. They want and they ought to have benefit of clergy. Why do we not at once send a half dozen itinerant preachers through the forests to hold at least an occasional service at scattered homesteads?

Nature has been almost wantonly extravagant in the gifts she has made to many a citizen amongst us. Has it ceased to be true that to whom much is given from him much is required? Those upon whom the mines and the forests and the fructible soil and the waterfalls have bestowed their wealth, and all who, directly or indirectly, have been the beneficiaries of the resources of this wonderful state, are under peculiar bonds to honor the Lord's work with their substance and with the first fruits of their increase; to pay large dividends from their unearned increment, to the end that the state may be saved to righteousness and to God.

This is not the day of small things. A timid and diminutive program of advance will not suffice. Holding our own is worse than no credit. We must do a far greater work and begin to do it at once. The opportunity is clear. The resources are at hand if only we will use them. What is required is a nobler spirit of self denial and a more real faith.

Ten years ago four families went from Minneapolis to the wilderness in the center of which Birchdale now is. They made their clearings, and other families were soon induced to follow in their lead. The settlement has been ministered to by the valiant Howard, and the reward of his devoted service is just now appearing in a church building for which the woodsmen and farmers have given of their best. Carpenters of the neighborhood are taking but the wage of the common workman and the mason who wrought upon the stone and laid the foundation contributed many days of labor without compensation. There is our lesson of sacrifice to heed.

At International Falls is a Congregational church nearing completion. It has a prominent site, and, commodious and beautiful, after the fashion of the New England meeting house, it is the most signally commanding ecclesiastical structure in the town. Singularly enough, it shelters as yet no church organization. It has no tabulated constituency. The daring pastor believed that if a building sufficiently attractive, with appointments for the physical, social and spiritual needs of the community, could be reared, there would be

plenty of unchurched folk who would be eager to appropriate the privileges extended. There is our lesson of sublime faith.

The geologists say that the surface of the state is filled with granite and other rocks testifying to mighty upheavals in the times agone; that, indeed, no less than four periods of volcanic activity can be traced in the rocks as one walks the streets of Duluth. Perhaps we need a spiritual cataclysm. Certainly we need to be shaken from our ease and inertia, to be broken loose from encrusted habits of indifference and from petty and stereotyped conceptions of duty, to be made to see our sacred responsibilities in their true alignment—yes, to be roused and melted and purified by the Spirit of Divine Power, until we begin to do our part to pre-empt Minnesota for Christ, and with an enthusiasm in our hearts like unto that which the Master commended when He said to the Pharisees as He was being welcomed with glad acclaim to his Jerusalem: "I say unto you, that if these shall hold their peace, the very stones will cry out."

CONGREGATIONAL WORK AND OPPORTUNITIES IN MINNESOTA.

EVERETT LESHER, General Superintendent.

I am sure you miss from this meeting, as I do, the presence of one who for so many years led the home missionary work in our great state, whose gracious spirit dignified our gatherings and whose counsel in difficulty was so often sought by the churches of our faith—Dr. George R. Merrill. I confess to much embarrassment as I stand before you in the place he so often more worthily occupied. But I rejoice to be here in this goodly fellowship. Whether my time of service in the Minnesota Missionary Society be long or short, I shall earnestly and prayerfully strive to uphold the best traditions of the past, while I as earnestly seek to advance the interests of our beloved Zion as God gives me wisdom, strength and grace.

Since the last annual meeting of the society several important changes have been made. These include not only the election of a new general superintendent, who came to the office March 1st, and a new superintendent for northern Minnesota, but the personnel of the board of directors has materially changed with the election of several new members. The society has been reorganized on the basis of a new constitution. The home missionary year has been made the calendar year and a new system of office management has been installed.

Every member of this conference should know the policy of the new administration, and is, therefore, invited to examine into it as thoroughly as may be desired. The books and records are open for your inspection and information at all times. The society is your society. Its board of directors, including the general and assistant superintendents, are your servants, appointed to carry out your will, and, as far as lies in harmony with Congregational principles and usages, to lead both in shaping policies for future needs as well as in the regular established work.

Since coming to the work of this society I have had unusual opportunities to estimate the resources of Minnesota Congregationalism, to diagnose its weaknesses and to view its opportunities. Its resources are immense, its weaknesses are neither incurable nor impossible to overcome, while its opportunities are unprecedented. May I call your attention to some general conditions which give character to our work and reveal the spirit and temper of our people?

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Organized Congregationalism in Minnesota is represented by ten associations, comprising a membership of 227 churches. One year ago the conference was made up of nine associations. Today there are ten.

THE RAINY RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The Rainy River Association was organized on the 13th day of August last, at Birchdale. It consists of five churches. And though in point of num-

bers it is the smallest association in the state, it is big with possibilities and rich in all those qualities which contribute to the rapid enlargement of the church and the spread of our Lord's dominion over the earth.

What revelations of growth and power were given to us in those never-to-be-forgotten days when those scattered little churches were organized into an association, and for a season sat together under the rapture of a new love and fellowship! Surely heaven was bending low as the Spirit sweetly and powerfully led us to the closing service, when ten souls, having given themselves in loving surrender to the Saviour, sealed their devotion to Him by uniting with the church.

In all reason and faith, great things may be expected from such churches in the next few years. The church at Baudette, with a new parsonage just completed this summer, is pressing forward under the inspiring leadership of the pastor, Rev. F. D. White. Cedar Spur, about fifteen miles to the west, is engaged in building a house of worship and rejoices in welcome to the new pastor, Mr. Walter B. Beach, who also will care for the interest at Pitt and the adjacent communities to the north and south of the Canadian Northern railroad. Birchdale, under the gracious ministry of our beloved Brother Howard and wife, is even now building a new church patterned after the church at Baudette. This building represents the love and sacrifice, not only of the good people of that community, but especially of Mr. and Mrs. Howard. It is these devoted pioneers of the Kingdom who have given to Minnesota Congregationalism not only the church at Birchdale, but more than any other or all others, the entire group of churches that today comprise the Rainy River Association. One other building enterprise in the Rainy River Association is worthy of more than passing notice because of its unique inception and significance. This is our splendid new church at International Falls—a building that is to cost when complete with tower and all necessary furnishings about $15,000. The church here has been reorganized after an interim of inaction, and Rev. E. L. Heermance, the new pastor, is laying broad and deep the foundations for a most interesting and hopeful future. Four new stations in the eastern part of the association along the Canadian Northern railroad have been opened during the summer and are at present cared for by Mr. Sutherland.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

In the Duluth Association two churches have been organized during the early summer, one at Remer and the other at Federal Dam. The Remer church bids fair to become in time a strong and self-supporting interest. The church at Federal Dam is in a most critical condition owing to the crowding in of the Methodist denomination and the consequent division of the forces of the small community. In South St. Anthony Park, St. Paul, Immanuel church was organized during July and has a present membership of about seventy.

BUILDING ENTERPRISES.

Mention has already been made of the International Falls and Birchdale buildings, of the new parsonage at Baudette and of the immediate prospect of a house of worship at Cedar Spur. In the Duluth Association the church at Biwabik has completed and dedicated its new building. This beautiful and commodious house of worship is a worthy testimonial to the faith, untiring zeal and consecration of the pastor, Rev. Harry R. Harris, and the good people who have rallied to his leadership. The church at Brainerd has built a new parsonage. The Fond du Lac church is planning to build, while the Aitkin church is pushing forward to complete its fine new building.

In the Northern Pacific Association the new church at Waubun will be dedicated next Sunday. A building of imposing architectural beauty, costing not less than $17,000, is being erected by the Wadena church. The church at Argyle has purchased the building formerly used by the Presbyterians. Akeley church has made extensive improvements on its church property, as also has the church at Ulen.

In the Mankato Association the church at Mapleton has extensively remodeled its building. In the Southeastern Association the church at Rose Creek has made much needed repairs.

The Morningside church, Minneapolis, will be ready for dedication in the early winter. The Hopkins church inspired by the zeal of their retiring pastor, Rev. James Earl, has purchased and just dedicated a plot of ground adjoining the church, which will be used as a park and playground by the church and community.

St. Louis Park is making much needed improvements on its building.

Rev. O. C. Clark of the University Avenue church, St. Paul, moved by a missionary zeal which has characterized his entire ministry has just opened the May Flower Sunday School mission in Hamline in the midst of a large district where there is no church of any name, and has caused to be erected a small chapel which will be ready for occupancy in the early winter. Immanuel church of St. Anthony Park is laying plans for a house of worship, as is also our Gladstone mission. All these enterprises, about twenty in number, signalize the present year as one of unusual material growth and improvement among our churches.

PASTORAL SUPPLY.

There have not been many pastoral changes in the state since the first of the year, although a number of pastorless churches have been supplied during this time. The supply of men is at the present time greater than the demand. Excellent men, well furnished for the work, have recently come to us, notably the "Minnesota Band" of five young men from the last graduating class of Chicago Seminary. These men have come to important work in the state. None of them have easy fields, but fields that demand strong and vigorous leadership. It is a matter of encouragement to know that so many of our strong young men entering the ministry today, are not

asking for easy places and a conventional life, but rather are willing to undertake work that challenges their faith and calls forth the reserves of their manhood.

"I am ready for any kind of service, I am not looking for an easy place, I'll do hard work," is the gist of what a young man wrote to me from Albert College, Ontario, not long ago. And I rejoiced in spirit and sent him, a manly fellow, a prize winner in athletic meets—a young man of brawn and brain and heart, to measure his powers with the hardy frontiersman, with the happy-go-lucky lumber-jack, with the wild, free life of the border town, with the mighty forests and the howling blizzards of the north land. I gave him a man's job. And he went forth with joy to his labors. These are the kind of men we need today. They do the work and make sure a strong and efficient leadership in the church in Minnesota. Our churches generally are well pastored, with as brave and consecrated a group of ministers as can be found in any state. We have a number of vacant churches at the present time. Some of these are weak and struggling and are so isolated that it is often difficult or impossible to group them with other churches in the support of a pastor. To what extent our churches have used the office department of the society in securing pastors in the past, I am unable to say. I find that this function of the office, even in the short time I have been in it, is rapidly increasing in its scope and demands. Most ministers desiring Minnesota pastorates and most pastorless churches in the state write to the office for information.

I firmly believe that it is better for the average church to secure its pastor in this way. Some otherwise humiliating and disastrous experiences might thus be avoided. We have in the office facilities for knowing men and getting information concerning ministerial records which are kept on file, which the average church does not have.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS AIDED BY THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The churches and stations that come under the care of the Society number eighty-one. About half of these are located in the southern part of the state, none of them being found north of the Central and Minneapolis Associations. Of the entire number, eight or ten are receiving no help at present, as our financial condition makes such aid impossible. This is the one tragic thing about our missionary work. The churches helped receive aid all the way from $30 to $600 a year and are thus able to make the pastor's salary at least $800.00, which the Board considers the minimum salary for the missionary pastor. In two or three instances the Society assumes the entire amount of the pastor's salary with the understanding that all moneys contributed by the churches thus served must be returned to the Society.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions have come in in about the same ratio as last year. The canvass for funds for our International Falls church building has precluded the possibility of making a very extensive canvass for the Society this year.

The Missionary Society has put no money into this building. Its function is not to build churches, but to aid missionary churches in the support of pastors. The building was necessary and the Society authorized the canvass for funds to adequately finance it, believing that International Falls holds the key to all our northern work. We rejoice in the splendid edifice that now stands as a credit to denominational faith and enterprise. However, the canvass for this enterprise has, without doubt, indirectly taken away a certain income which has usually come to the Society.

The amount received to date in support of the work is $6,094.77. This is about $670.00 a month contributed by the Congregational churches of Minnesota for the support of the Missionary work of this great state, more than 17,000 square miles larger than all New England. In other words, the 22,500 Congregationalists in Minnesota have been giving for the last nine months, on an average, about three cents a month for our Minnesota work. This amount has not been sufficient to do the work outlined by the Board of Directors at its schedule meeting last November. To meet this deficiency we secured during the summer a loan at the bank in the amount of $761.15. The W. H. M. U. turned over to the Society for immediate use $1,000, which is known as the "Plymouth fund," which was given by the old Plymouth church of St. Paul for special new missionary work in northern Minnesota. This amount must be replaced and devoted to its original purpose. With these loans we have been able to get through the dry summer months.

Thus, so far as the general condition of Minnesota Congregationalism is concerned, as judged by the formation of the new Rainy River Association, the churches organized, the building enterprises, the supply of pastors, the number of churches and stations aided, and I believe we are justified in saying that the outlook is hopeful and encouraging, at least on its material side.

The benevolent contributions fall far below what is necessary to do the work that is needing to be done, yet we shall hope for better things in the immediate future and say today with the confidence of the prophet, "God is in the midst of our Zion, she shall not be moved."

Thus far I have been speaking only of the general conditions of our work. I wish now to set before you the opportunities for work and church extension as they appeal to me.

OPPORTUNITIES.

There are three types of Home Missionary work, all of which offer their particular opportunities.

There is first the rural type, including farming communities and villages up to 2,500 population. There are still good missionary fields in the older sections of our state. There are also many problems. In a large number of villages in Minnesota we are confronted with a constant, expensive and unattractive missionary problem made such by reason of the over-churched condition of these communities—a condition, let me say with emphasis, for which Congregationalists are rarely, if ever, responsible. Small, sick, starved

churches are here the rule. Churches that have been reduced through years of hopeless struggle in competition with other churches—weak, aenemic, gasping for the breath of life. They were built under the impulse of sectarian zeal—a misguided denominationalism that prides itself on numbers, that is ambitious to bulk large. In many a village some of these churches are not open more than half the time; but should they all be open all the time, all the people in all the churches would not make a decent sized congregation in any one of them. As a rule the village is spiritually indifferent or dead. Men have no interest in the foolish and wicked strife of sectarianism. The people themselves are discouraged, for they struggle with hopeless conditions, and yet many are found who prefer to live at this poor dying rate, saying as did one old lady, "We shall all be Baptists in heaven and we ought to all be Baptists here." Church life in the average village and the business sense employed in running the churches would be a comedy if there was not so much of the tragedy in it. As it is, the average man looks upon it all as a sort of religious burlesque. There is nothing in it for him. Christianity would be stronger in Minnesota today if one-third of the churches in our older communities were out of existence. Our Protestant churches are going contrary to all business and Christian principles in their present methods. But the money loss in the effort to save denominational interests, is not to be compared with the spiritual loss to the church and to the community. It stultifies the church and prejudices and deadens the community, religiously. You may ask, what opportunities have we in such communities as these? I answer, the opportunity to strengthen the most of our Protestant churches by a process of elimination.

Who is going to eliminate, and how is it to be done?

Some method of co-operation with all our Protestant churches that will save the wicked waste of the Lord's money in those fields and greatly strengthen the constructive and saving work of the church must be devised. The method to follow for the present, at least, is along the lines indicated by the Inter-Church Federation. It is but a temporary expedient, as I consider it, though, doubtless a necessary first step. Nothing short of a vital union will ever prove satisfactory. No mechanical or artificial union can ever be a remedy for the union which Jesus prayed for—a union brought about, not by identity of intellectual concepts or theological formulae, but by a mutual purpose and the same spirit. When this great central principle of Christianity becomes triumphant among Protestants, and the individual conscience and the right of individual interpretation of the Christian revelation is recognized by all, even as we of the Pilgrim Way believe and teach is the inalienable right of all, then Christians of all denominations can be co-workers together with Christ and with each other, and the distressing conditions of overchurched communities will vanish. This should be the aim of all our inter-church federation. For inter-church federation considered an end in itself, is not a very successful method in Minnesota. It is a federation that will not let you forget that you are still a Congregationalist or a

Methodist or a Baptist. It would be better to cut loose from all names, where names hold Christians apart. This, in my judgment, should be the spirit in which the solution of the over-churched community should be worked out.

Another type of Home Missionary work is found on

OUR FRONTIERS.

There is no part of this great state that offers greater opportunities for religious work than the northern part. Northern Minnesota is indeed a great missionary field, a field for foreign missions and a field for home missions.

The fascination, the romance, the picturesqueness of this field is irresistible. So much has been said to set forth the unmeasured wealth of mines and forests and fields that it would seem superfluous to add another word. In traveling over this great empire of the north one is constantly amazed to see how generously the Creator has piled up his treasure in hill and plain. in valley and mountain.

Great forests through which one may ride on our railroads for hours and hours, springing from soil as fertile as can be found on the face of the earth, beautiful lakes and rivers, not only furnishing a food supply to the settler, but adding immense charm to the landscape; and mines, the extent and riches of which are as yet unmeasured, fill this northern land with great possibilities of every kind. Such physical conditions invite alike the adventurer, the industrious and the greedy. The man who wants a home and the man who wants a fortune. And they have come, and they keep coming from well nigh every land. They settle on the iron ranges, in the lumber camps, in villages, or build their cabins far out in the forest where land is cheap. Many of them become, ere long, the most desirable of citizens and enter heartily into American life. Many others remain clannish and are hard to reach, while still others, fleeing from the oppression of tyrannous governments, boldly fly the red flag of an anarchistic type of socialism as they cry, "Government is an enemy to the working man. The church is in sympathy with government. Therefore, down with both government and church."

What a problem and an opportunity confronts the Christian church. These new communities need the church as they need nothing else. Without the restraining influence of religion men fall back into primitive instincts and tendencies and the church acts as a bulwark to these tendencies. It furnishes material and incentive for the substantial upbuilding of the state, and ideals and principles by which to order life.

As undeveloped physical wealth challenges the home-maker and the fortune-hunter, so the vast wealth of human life in all this northern empire challenges the Christian church. It is undeveloped and much of it is in the rough. But character is forming and social life is crystallizing in its habits. We must waste no time in bringing Christian influence to bear upon this tide of humanity pouring out of the old world into the new. Into their hands will soon be committed the destinies of church and state. An

awful responsibility is upon the Christian church. We must dominate the new forces, the new conditions, the new ideals and institutions of this newer Minnesota, rapidly forming, or lose the greatest opportunity of this generation.

What has been accomplished only in part along the Rainy River, almost single-handed, can be duplicated again and again in other sections of this north country. Up on the iron ranges there are still opportunities for Congregational enterprise.

Up along the Canadian Northern Railway from Virginia to International Falls, new towns are springing up. Our superintendent for northern Minnesota, Mr. Sutherland, has only recently established four preaching stations at as many different points along this line. A new missionary here is imperatively needed. Along the Rainy River two more men are needed. Grand Marais greatly needs a pastor. Between Moose Lake and Cass Lake there are several fields which Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Mason have preempted, and these need all the strength and time of another man. Oh, the wealth of human resource in all this region.

What is the wealth of forest or soil or mine compared with the wealth of immortal souls? What is a man profited if he shall gain an iron mine and lose his soul? What is he profited if he acquire possession of mighty forests and lose his soul? What though he gain hundreds or thousands of acres of our rich farm land; "What," says Jesus, "what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his soul." Yes, what is he profited? Do we believe these things? Do the Congregational churches of Minnesota believe these things? Are they living and praying and giving as though they believed these things?

In speaking of our opportunities I must not pass by

THE CITY.

In some ways the city is the greatest problem of all. Every problem of civic righteousness, moral supremacy, education, world-wide missions and national existence is here met at close quarters.

It is said that "God made the country but the devil made the city." In a sense it would seem so. All the worst vices thrive in the city. But this is only one side, the dark side of the picture. The most luminous virtues also are to be found in the city; and all this explains why the great moral battles have always been fought in the city. The city is the strategic center of business, politics, industrial and social life. The problem of the city is an increasingly large one because the cities are increasing in size and number. We sometimes hear the cry, "Back to the land," and while many are, indeed, seeking the land, the trend of population is at present cityward. The city-lust is on the country and thousands upon thousands find their way into the congested centers of population every year. And the battle is raging in the city—the battle for bread, for equal rights, for justice and the square deal, and for life and character. The forces of evil are organized and determined and the church, as yet, has not given herself up fully to the conflict.

She has not yet either measured the power of her adversary or reckoned the cost of the victory. The hardest task before the church is to win the city. The boldest challenge ever flung in the face of Jesus Christ is the modern city. The heaviest strain on the cross is the sin-cursed city. The great problem of this century is to know what to do with the city. There is but one hope—and that is the gospel. As Congregational churches we are doing something to solve the city problem. Our Missionary Society and our city unions are doing something. We are doing our best with the limited funds at our command. But, alas, with what feeble hands are we trying to bind our cities to the throne of God. Thus, we see our opportunities in the rural community, on our frontier and in our cities.

Are we ready to improve them? The time for us to act in Minnesota, has come. For you and me it is now or never. The next generation will have its own problems and opportunities, and will doubtless be sufficient for them. Will we improve our day and pass on to our children a heritage that they will cherish with pride and gratitude?

OUR NEEDS.

And now may I briefly call your attention to what I consider our greatest needs. And I would put at the top of the list this word:

OUR GREATEST NEED IS SPIRITUAL.

I have come to this conclusion after more than six months visiting among our churches, both great and small. Everywhere there is great need of the deepening of religious life, of a keener sense of personal responsibility and an impelling conception of the mission of the Christian and of the Christian church. New emphasis must be laid on these things, both for the good of the church and for the good of the state. The life, progress, worth and influence of the church depends on its spiritual vitality and fervency.

This fact is made convincingly apparent when we look over the records of last year's activities. The church was never so well equipped with all material aids for work, as at present. But it would seem that as the church multiplies her material equipment the spiritual results are correspondingly meager. She is not drawing people to her services. It takes moving pictures, musicals and suppers to do that.

She is not winning men to her Lord. We have 22,530 communicants on the rolls of our churches in Minnesota. With all this great army of Christian soldiers marching on to war, we succeeded last year in sustaining a net loss of 164. There are 227 divisions of this army which we designate also as churches. There are 121 churches each of whose membership is under 50. These 121 churches sustained a net loss of 46. There are 50 churches whose membership is between 50 and 100 each. Their net loss was 131. There are 35 churches each of whose membership is between 100 and 200. Their net loss was 86. There are ten churches between 200 and 300 each. Their net gain was 166. There are five churches between 300 and 400 each. Their net gain was 79. Six churches between 400 and 500 each, net loss

200. One church with membership between 500 and 600 gained over all losses, 16. Three churches between 600 and 700 each, lost over all gains, 62. One church with membership between 700 and 800, gained over all losses, 10. The largest church in the state received over all losses 47 into its membership. I very well know that additions to our churches or even losses do not tell all the story. There is a great deal of success and a great deal of failure that must forever remain unwritten history, and eludes tabulation. But this analysis is interesting in its revelations. We are after numbers, or we ought to be. The world will never be converted if numbers and numbers of people are not reached.

We are not getting the numbers if these figures as given in the Year-Book are correct. Even though they are but approximately correct, still we are not converting people and adding them to our churches.

The churches that report the largest percentage of gain are in the 200-300 and in the 300-400 classes. What is the matter with the six churches in the 400-500 class, and with the three churches in the 600-700 class? What is the matter with the 35 churches in the 100-200 class; with the 50 churches in the 50-100 class and with the 121 churches in the under 50 class? Some of them have been revising their church roll and while this is a step in advance it makes a poor showing in the year book.

There are doubtless many other reasons why we, as a Congregational church in Minnesota, sustained last year a net loss of 164; but does this show a healthy spiritual condition? Oh, we should be humiliated with this record before us. We should mourn our spiritual dearth, and in great anxiety and contrition, seek humbly at the Throne of Grace for a quickening of our own spiritual life, and a revival of God's work in our midst.

Fathers and brethren, we are too contented and conventional. We are guilty of sinful indifference. Our love is frozen. The fountains are drying up. A spirit of noble unrest and disquiet over present conditions, should arouse us. A passionate love for the souls of men, blinded by the dazzle of worldly success, comfort-loving, pleasure-seeking, reposing in all the confidence of lethargic indifferentism, should melt our hearts with a Divine compassion and send us forth like the Apostles of old, calling men to righteousness, self-control and Judgment to come.

We should not be afraid of a fervent and sane evangelism. I am not urging the spectacular or vaudeville type, but the apostolic type. Every pastor should be mightily moved by a true shepherd love. I say it honestly and sympathetically. If I were the pastor of a church and did not see people converted and uniting with that church, or if I did not see a net gain in membership each year, I would seriously examine my own life. The cry of our hearts today should be, "Revive thy work, O Lord.' And that revival needs to begin in our pulpits.

We need to put new emphasis upon Evangelism in our work throughout the state. There is nothing else that will vitalize and quicken our churches—nothing else. Organized evangelism as it was recognized in the Apostolic

Church has never been superseded by church suppers or fairs, social functions, moving pictures or sociology. It occupied a large place in the Apostolic church and should occupy a large place in the church today.

Not all pastors are evangelists, neither do all have the gift of evangelistic utterance. The Holy Spirit endows and employs men of various gifts and all are needed. But in the life of most churches there come periods when the fountains of the great deep must be broken up—when the windows of heaven must be thrown back, that upon the parched and barren soil may fall the refreshing rain. Then, if the pastor himself cannot lead, let him bring to his church one who is thus specially fitted and ordained. To meet such a need I should like to see a conference evangelist employed in this state whose labors shall be given to our churches. I do not believe that any matter of greater importance can come before this conference, today, than the consideration of this question. And I urgently recommend that steps be taken to employ some worthy brother of evangelistic gifts and fervor who shall be at the service of our churches this fall and winter.

Our next greatest need is not money, as you may think I am about to say. It is

DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY.

Congregationlists are not afflicted with sectarianism. For this we praise God. We need, however, a more acute denominational consciousness. We need to believe in ourselves as a denomination. We need to believe that Congregationalism has a great mission. It is not a spent force but an increasing influence. It throbs with life and power and the future is radiant with promise. Let us cultivate an esprit de corps and magnify our Zion and be loyal to its interests.

We are responsible for those interests. Every Congregationalist is a shareholder in his denomination. Why should he not, then, seek large dividends on the investments of his denomination? Why should his money be diverted into promiscuous giving through other agencies while the interests for which he has made himself responsible, in becoming a member of this great company, are languishing for funds?

Let us loyally support our own interests and then, having done our full duty to those dependent upon us, enlarge our sphere of benevolences as our charity may direct. The needs of the work we are trying to do, even here in Minnesota, are so overwhelmingly great, so vital and so imperative to all human well being, that they should demand first place in our thought and affections. Many do not appreciate the needs and demands of our work because they know so little about it. They cannot all visit our great home missionary fields and study conditions at first hand. They can believe what others of good repute and judgment say, and all can read. We are publishing a little monthly magazine called Congregational Minnesota, which endeavors to give this information. It should be circulated in every Congregational home and church in this state to inspire and inform. And now I call

your attention to the last need of which I shall speak at this time. It is vital to the success of the Home Missionary propaganda. What the coal is under the engine's boiler so money is in relation to our work.

MONEY.

Last year the income of the Society was about $9,500, the major part of which was received during the last three months of the year. We cannot expect this year to get much more through the ordinary channels. By another year we may in all reason expect more. The apportionment plan is working better in the state than it ever has before, although it is not worked as extensively as it should be. All our strongest churches with perhaps isolated exceptions, have adopted this plan and we may expect in time a larger income. At present our income is inadequate. To strengthen the churches already established requires all and more than our present income. Opportunities for church extension are on every hand. They challenge us. But we dare not attempt to become responsible for more new churches, for new churches on the frontier usually begin life in school houses, and to foster the new interests means an outlay of money for years to come. Some new stations have been opened during the summer; but this was possible only because our faithful and efficient superintendent for northern Minnesota and our enthusiastic and farseeing pastor at International Falls were willing to take up the added burden. And the same thing is true with the Odin field in southwestern Minnesota which Mr. Conard has developed. In order that we may do an aggressive work in this state we should have five thousand dollars a year more than we have been getting. If the apportionment plan were not only *accepted*, but *worked* by the churches, it would go a long way in supplying this need. I would recommend, therefore, some action of this body looking toward a campaign of education along these lines, either by the appointment of a conference committee to carry on an apportionment propaganda, throughout the *entire year* or by appointing a committee in each association for the same purpose.

May God wonderfully open the hearts of our people that they may see the opportunity before us and improve it now. And may our people rally to the support of our Missionary Society.

It is the only Congregational Society organized in the state to aid and strengthen weak churches and to establish new ones. It is the Alma Mater of churches. It is the sine quo non of denominational growth and expansion. It is as necessary to the propagation of Congregational ideals and to the enlargement of denominational prestige as the college is necessary to a liberal education.

It is as fundamental as religion to the building up of Christ's kingdom, for without method and organization there is no instrument through which and with which the Gospel is to be carried to the people.

How shall any community hear without a preacher? And how shall one preach except he be sent? And who is to send him but the Missionary Society?

It is the sense of personal and denominational responsibility crystallized into organized effort, that has been used from the earliest days to this in the extension and building up of the Christian church in all lands.

What can we Congregationalists accomplish here in Minnesota without our Missionary Society. May God convincingly and convictingly impress upon our hearts the tremendous importance of this Society and teach us how to be loyal to our own, for we can serve Him best as, with great fidelity, we discharge the responsibilities which we have assumed. Friends, it is time to get down to business in our Christian work. It is a time for large things in Minnesota. It is a time for sacrifice and loyalty—understand, *sacrifice* and *loyalty*. We need statesmanship, consecration and vision not only in our leaders, who must plan the work, but in our churches that must support the work. We sing of the achievements of Cary and Judson and Morrison; we are thrilled with the story of Whitman and Grenfel and a noble company of pioneer missionaries in our own and other lands. What a heritage the Christian church possesses. But what are we going to do?

Oh, I see today the vision of the man who once leaned over Eupope's edge and called to that dauntless Apostle to the Gentiles on his way to pagan Rome, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

Do we catch the vision? Will you go? or give? Thank God for the privilege. Thank Him for the privilege of living in this time. Thank Him for the big task to which He calls us. Thank Him for the call to arms, for the battle's shock and the faith that wins the day.

"It is great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
And to fight there for man and God.

It seams the face and it dries the brain,
It strains the arm till one's friend is pain,
In the fight for man and God.
But it's great to be out when the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
And to fight there for man and God."

MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Oct. 1, 1912, to Sept. 30, 1913.

Note 1. In the tabulated receipts given below, attention is called to the manner of listing contributions from Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and individuals. These contributions are grouped in the third column, but the particular sources from which they come are indicated immediately following the name of the church with which they are associated.

Note 2. The apportionment given in the fifth column is for Minnesota missions for the year 1913. This is the percentage, designated by the State Apportionment Committee, of the full apportionment made to the churches, to be given to the state work.

Note 3. In the summary which follows this tabulated report, may be found the total receipts and disbursements for the months Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1912. This is to show the total amount received and paid out during the Conference year, Oct. 1, 1912, to Sept. 30, 1913.

ASSOCIATIONS. *Central.*	*Churches.*	*W. H. M. U.*	*Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies*	*Total Nine Months, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1913.*	*Apportionment for State Work 1913.*
Alexandria	.....	$34.25	.....	$34.25	$215.25
Big Lake	.....	4.30	.....	4.30	27.67
Burtrum	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.21
Cable	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
Clarissa	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.08
Clearwater	$6.00	.....	.....	6.00	24.60
Culdrum (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
Glenwood	4.00	5.16	.....	9.16	73.80
Hasty	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
Holdingford (Bohemian)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Falls	14.55	3.87	.....	18.42	131.72
Little Falls (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.52
Monticello	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.75
Orrock	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
Pillsbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.08
Round Prairie	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
St. Cloud (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.75
Sauk Center	10.00	2.25	.....	12.25	104.50
Sauk Rapids	.....	1.29	.....	1.29	21.56
Swanville	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
Upsala	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.75
Villard	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.16
Wondel Brook	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.30
	$34.55	$51.12	.....	$85.67	.....

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total Nine Months, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1913.	Apportionment for State Work 1913.
Duluth.					
Aitken	$4.80	.....	.....	$4.80	$13.80
Backus	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.08
Biwabik	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.48
Brainerd, First	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.21
Brainerd, Peoples	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
Duluth, Pilgrim	109.12	$29.02	.....	$138.14	444.33
Duluth, Plymouth	.....	2.58	.....	2.58	1.54
Federal Dam	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Marais	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.54
Hackensack	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.54
Remer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walker	2.50	.95	.....	3.45	1.54
	$116.42	$32.55	.....	$148.97	.....
Mankato.					
Belgrade	.....	.....	.....	.....	$9.21
Cambria	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.29
Center Chain	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
Ceylon, Federated	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.90
Edgerton	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.30
Ellsworth	$25.00	.....	.....	$25.00	7.65
Fairmont	12.28	$7.52	.....	19.80	66.10
Freeborn	8.09	.....	.....	8.09	35.40
Freedom	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.60
Granada	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.29
Kasota	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.10
Mankato, First	7.27	1.92	.....	9.19	54.30
Mankato, Second	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.60
Mapleton	3.63	1.00	.....	4.63	22.25
Mattewan	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	7.65
New Richland	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00
St. Clair	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.08
Sherburne	.....	6.45	.....	6.45	12.65
Waseca	6.79	9.52	.....	16.31	54.30
Worthington	12.22	3.22	.....	15.44	30.75
	$78.28	$29.63	.....	$107.91	.....
Minneapolis.					
Anoka	$14.65	$9.03	.....	$23.68	$41.75
Brownton	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.25
Elk River	.....	.....	.....	.....	47.59
Excelsior	.....	3.22	.....	3.22	61.50
Fair Oaks	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
Gaylord	7.99	2.12	.....	10.11	10.15
Glencoe	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.25
Groveland	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.30

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total Nine Months, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1913.	Apportionment for State Work 1913.
Minn polis continued					
Hutchinson	.....	20.00	.....	20.00	70.00
Milaca	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.60
Minnewashta	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.70
Minneapolis, First	112.33	28.96	.....	141.29	714.90
Minneapolis, Plymouth	1,111.45	202.15	.....	1,313.60	2,829.00
Minneapolis, Park Ave	98.82	84.13	.....	182.95	993.84
Mpls. Pilgrim, S. S., $3.51	113.53	30.18	3.51	147.22	404.22
Minneapolis, Vine	25.65	.....	.....	25.65	35.35
Minneapolis, Como Ave	.....	21.50	.....	21.50	162.96
Minneapolis, St. Louis Park	10.82	1.75	.....	12.57	38.40
Minneapolis, Open Door	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.50
Mpls., Lyndale, S. S., $15.00	42.39	23.71	15.00	81.10	532.20
Mpls., Fremont Ave	84.64	20.99	.....	105.63	154.00
Minneapolis, Fifth Ave	50.00	64.47	.....	114.47	412.20
Minneapolis, Mizpah	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.16
Minneapolis, Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.25
Minneapolis, Robbinsdale	7.76	6.36	.....	14.12	54.30
Minneapolis, Lowry Hill	146.62	.....	.....	146.62	653.47
Minneapolis, Lynnhurst	8.97	2.38	.....	11.35	38.33
Minneapolis, Oak Park	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	33.85
Minneapolis, Forest Heights	.....	.....	.....	.....	92.25
Minneapolis, Swedish Temple	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.55
Minneapolis, Thirty-eighth St	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.55
Minneapolis, Edina Mills	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.84
Minneapolis, Linden Hills	50.00	20.35	.....	70.35	202.95
Minneapolis, Minnehaha	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	4.50
Minneapolis, Morningside	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
New Brighton	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.60
Princeton	.....	.....	.....	.....	52.31
Sandstone	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50
Spencer Brook	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Stewart	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Wayzata	20.08	2.00	.....	22.08	46.05
Individual	.....	.95	.....	.95	.....
	$1,913.70	$544.25	$18.51	$2,476.46	.....
Minnesota Valley.					
Alberta	.....	.....	.....	.....	$12.32
Appleton	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.30
Belview	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.18
Benson	.....	$9.00	.....	$9.00	47.59
Campbell	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.83
Correll	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.18
Dawson	$26.36	.....	.....	26.36	49.13
Eldorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.32
Graceville	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.19

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Minnesota Valley continued					
Granite Falls	.....	3.44	.....	3.44	12.32
Hancock	.....	4.30	.....	4.30	46.05
Madison	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.05
Marietta	3.60	1.00	.....	4.60	18.48
Montevideo	.....	4.30	.....	4.30	69.15
Morris	29.40	.....	.....	29.40	61.50
Nassau	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.16
Ortonville	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.55
Tintah	3.60	.....	.....	3.60	12.32
	$62.96	$22.04	.....	$85.00	.....
Northern Pacific					
Ada	$16.50	$4.05	.....	$20.55	$30.75
Akeley	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.54
Aldrich	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.16
Argyle	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
Bagley	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.54
Barnesville	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
Beard	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.16
Bertha	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.16
Cass Lake	10.00	.75	.....	10.75	1.54
Crookston	.....	2.15	.....	2.15	42.91
Detroit	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.75
Felton	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.61
Fergus Falls	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	46.05
Fosston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.61
Glyndon (S. S., $1.00; C. E., $3.50)	7.00	.....	$4.50	11.50	1.54
Hawley	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	6.16
Kragness	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.54
Lake Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	.61
Maple Bay	.....	.....	.....	.....	.61
Mahnomen	1.65	.....	.....	1.65	.61
McIntosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
Mentor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.61
Moorhead	.....	11.61	.....	11.61	46.05
New York Mills, S. S., $1.75	.....	.86	1.75	2.61	.61
Nymore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.61
Park Rapids	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.54
Pelican Rapids, S. S., $4.93	.....	.....	4.93	4.93	6.16
Staples	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.08
Turtle River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.61
Ulen	.....	1.55	.....	1.55	.61
Wadena	5.10	3.42	.....	8.52	33.85
	$41.25	$27.39	$11.18	$79.82	.....

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Nine Months, Total Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1913.	Apportionment for State Work 1913.
Rainy River					
Baudette	$4.12	$1.40	.....	$5.52	.....
Birchdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graceton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
International Falls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spooner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$4.12	$1.40	.....	$5.52	.....
St. Paul.					
Cannon Falls, First	.....	.....	.....	.....	$30.75
Cannon Falls (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.38
Cottage Grove	$14.15	$2.94	.....	$17.09	30.75
Faribault	.....	35.69	.....	35.69	307.50
Lake City, First	.....	.....	.....	.....	153.75
Lakeland	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.08
Marine Mills	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
North Branch, Federated	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.32
Northfield	113.51	42.36	.....	155.87	461.25
St. Paul, Atlantic	.....	.....	.....	.....	61.50
St. Paul, Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.75
St. Paul, Bell	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....
St. Paul, Cyril	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
St. Paul, Olivet	206.12	19.35	.....	225.47	230.55
St. Paul, Pacific	10.09	19.25	.....	29.34	61.50
St. Paul, Peoples, S. S., $16.00	65.00	.....	$16.00	81.00	307.50
St. Paul, Plymouth	.....	9.13	.....	9.13	307.50
St. Paul, St. Paul's (German)	14.59	.....	.....	14.59	15.30
St. Paul, St. Anthony Park	45.12	11.99	.....	57.11	153.75
St. Paul, South Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
St. Paul, University Ave.	2.43	.70	.....	3.13	30.75
Silver Lake	16.76	2.15	.....	18.91	66.10
Stillwater	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.75
Wabasha	16.00	.....	.....	16.00	27.61
	$503.77	$144.56	$16.00	$664.33	.....
South Eastern.					
Austin	.....	$19.67	.....	$19.67	$276.75
Claremont St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.64
Dexter	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.30
Dodge Center	$3.00	2.00	.....	5.00	61.50
Grand Meadow	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.05
Lyle	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.05
Mantorville	.....	7.50	.....	7.50	61.50
Mazeppa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medford	.....	.....	.....	.....	61.50
Morristown	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.30
Owatonna	142.14	39.33	.....	181.47	230.55

ASSOCIATIONS	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies.	Nine Months, Total Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1913	Apportionment for State Work 1913
South Eastern continued					
Plainview	12.75	3.01	.....	15.76	76.88
Rochester	.....	30.10	.....	30.10	276.75
Rose Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65
Spring Valley	13.33	32.48	.....	45.81	107.55
St. Charles	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.05
Stewartville	.....	3.01	.....	3.01	61.50
Taopi	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.30
Waterville, C. E., $3.00	5.00	.....	$3.00	8.00	15.30
Winona, First	.....	143.24	.....	143.24	830.00
Lakeside (Scand.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
Zumbro Falls	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.16
Zumbrota	3.60	1.00	.....	4.60	15.30
	$179.82	$281.34	$3.00	$464.16	.....
Western.					
Arco	.....	.....	.....	.....	$7.68
Cambria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Comfrey	$7.00	.....	.....	$7.00	4.65
Cornish	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Custer	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.35
Garvin	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.75
Lake Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.86
Lamberton	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.30
Marshall	13.35	$29.26	.....	42.61	83.06
New Ulm	18.88	4.88	.....	23.76	23.10
Selma	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	9.50
Sleepy Eye	.....	8.05	.....	8.05	52.31
Springfield	4.00	4.30	.....	8.30	9.30
Tyler	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Walnut Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.75
Winthrop	15.40	.....	.....	15.40	30.00
	$61.63	$46.49	.....	$108.12	.....

Miscellaneous Receipts From January 1 to September 30, 1913.

C. H. M. S. 95 per cent of receipts from Minnesota	$592.42
Collected on fields by General Superintendent, Rev. Everett Lesher	81.48
Collected on fields by Supt. Northern Minnesota, Rev. W. L. Sutherland	49.91
Collected on fields by Rev. W. J. Conard, General Missionary	186.32
Collected on fields by Rev. T. W. Howard	57.23
Collected on fields by Rev. Edward Constant	8.89
Collected on fields by Rev. E. L. Heermance	19.56
Individual gifts outside church apportionment	807.67
Loan at bank	761.15
Loan, St. Paul Plymouth fund	1,000.00
Loan returned from International Falls fund	65.35
Total miscellaneous receipts	$3,629.98

SUMMARY.

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Receipts.

Cash on hand October 1, 1912		$731.50
Income October 1 to December 31, 1912		5,693.57
Received from churches January 1 to September 30, 1913	$2,996.50	
Received from the W. H. M. U. Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1913	1,180.77	
Received from W. H. M. U. for Birchdale church building	40.00	
Received from Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies	48.69	
Miscellaneous	3,629.98	
Total receipts January 1 to September 30, 1913		$7,895.94
Total receipts October 1, 1912, to September 30, 1913		$14,321.01

Disbursements.

Total disbursements October 1 to December 31, 1912		$5,570.90
Missionary aid January 1 to September 30, 1913	$4,556.72	
Salary Acting Gen. Supt., Rev. E. L. Heermance, Jan. and Feb., 1913, part time	70.00	
Travel expense Rev. E. L. Hermance, Acting Gen. Supt.	88.05	
Salary, General Superintendent, Rev. Everett Lesher, March to August 31, 1913	1,500.00	
Salary, Superintendent Northern Minnesota, Rev. W. L. Sutherland, January to August 31, half time	500.00	
Salary, Rev. W. J. Conard, General Missionary, January to September 30, half time	400.00	
Travel expense, General Superintendent	68.56	
Travel expense, Superintendent Northern Minnesota	99.04	
Travel expense, General Missionary	189.52	
Special missionary service	32.10	
Directors' travel	42.60	
Office assistant	222.00	
Literature	29.65	
Printing and stationery	200.80	
Publicity sundries	9.50	
Telephone and Telegraph	56.77	
Postage and express	67.99	
Administration sundries	16.43	
Office furnishings	46.55	
Birchdale church building for W. H. M. U.	40.00	
Congregational Minnesota	40.00	
A. B. C. F. M.	1.00	
C. H. M. S. 5 per cent receipts	207.83	
Total disbursements, January 1 to September 30, 1913		$8,485.11
Total disbursements, October 1, 1912, to September 30, 1913		$14,056.01
Cash on hand September 30, 1913		265.00
Present indebtedness, $2,890.14.		$14,321.01
Total Missionary Aid due Sept. 30, 1913		$1,207.79

Bills Payable.

Loan at Northwestern National Bank, due Jan. 1, 1914, 6 per cent	$761.15
Loan, St. Paul Plymouth Fund, payable monthly, $66.66, without interest	1,000.00
Total bills payable	$1,761.15

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Minneapolis, Minn., November 1, 1913.

D. J. Cowling, Esq., President.
Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society.

Dear Sir: I have examined the accounts of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society, as per attached printed statement, but only from the dates January 1, 1913, to September 30, 1913. I did not examine the accounts from October 1, 1912, to December 31, 1912, which are included in the annexed statement.

I was informed that they had been audited by W. S. Wingate. I have checked up the vouchers for the disbursements, a total of $8,485.11 and find same correct.

I would respectfully suggest that before the next report is submitted to the annual conference that a public accountant be employed to go over the coming year's accounts and give the matter a more thorough examination than I have been able to give to it.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. FULLER, Auditor.

1913 APPORTIONMENTS

Note 1.—In nearly all instances appropriations are made for a year, beginning with the time when a pastor takes up work on the field aided. Some of the appropriations made last year, therefore, mature this year. Only the amount of the full apportionment falling due in 1913 is here given.

Note 2.—The Capital S after a name in the field column means "stations." All others are organized churches.

The Field.	*Pastor.*	*Amount due in 1913.*
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—		
Burtrum, Swanville and Pillsbury	Rev. Herman Krousey	$100.00
Sauk Rapids, Cable	Rev. Fred Grey	175.00
DULUTH ASSOCIATION—		
Aitkin	Rev. W. E. Hammond	62.50
Backus, Hackensack, Mildred (S)		.....
Grand Marias		.....
Remer, Federal Dam	Rev. O. G. Mason	425.00
West Duluth, Fond du Lac	Rev. Paul S. Nweeya	432.47
MANKATO ASSOCIATION—		
Cambria		.....
Ellsworth, Kanaranzi (S)	Rev. Ellen P. Cox	200.00
Mankato	Rev. Edward Constant	275.00
Odin (S)		.....
Pemberton, St. Clair		.....
MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION—		
Marietta, Nassau	Rev. B. L. Richardson	83.33
Graceville, Eldorado	Rev. H. P. Long	125.00
MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION—		
Gaylord		.....
Hopkins		.....
Minneapolis—		
Minnehaha	Rev. E. C. Lyons	300.00
Vine	Rev. K. K. Clark	93.75
Oak Park	Rev. C. C. Campbell	200.00
Morningside, Edina (S)	Rev. E. W. Hale	100.00

NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION—		
Akeley	Rev. Allen Clark	93.75
Bagley	Rev. S. S. Heghin	231.25
Beard, Shevlin, Moose (S), Lake Itasca (S), Leonard (S)	Rev. Geo. F. Morton	225.00
Bertha, New York Mills, Aldrich	Rev. E. Lindsley	75.00
Cass Lake, Nymore		.....
Mahnomen, Ogema (S), Callaway (S), Waubun	Rev. Anders O. Kvass	125.00
McIntosh, Mentor	Rev. W. W. Dale	150.00
Staples, Brainerd, Peoples	Rev. D. T. Jenkins	522.50
RAINY RIVER ASSOCIATION—		
Baudette, Spooner	Rev. F. D. White	525.00
Birchdale, Indus (S), Stations	Rev. T. W. Howard	800.00
Cedar Spur, Pitt (S), Stations	Rev. Walter B. Beach	200.00
International Falls	Rev. E. L. Heermance	800.00
Ericksburg, Ray, Gheen, Cook	Supt. W. L. Sutherland	.....
ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION—		
Lakeland		.....
St. Paul, Hazel Park		.....
German Peoples	Rev. E. L. Warkentien	250.00
University Avenue, Mayflower Chapel (S)	Rev. O. C. Clark	200.00
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION—		
Rose Creek, Taopi	Rev. J. B. Thompson	120.00
Waterville, Morristown	Rev. H. E. Chapman	200.00
Zumbro Falls	Rev. A. B. Gould	41.68
WESTERN ASSOCIATION—		
Garvin, Custer	Rev. J. P. Varner	50.00
Springfield, Selma, Comfrey	Rev. O. M. Snyder	100.00
Lamberton, Walnut Grove	Rev. W. B. Godsall	91.67
Lake Benton, Tyler, Arco		.....
		$7,372.90

Other Appropriations due in 1913.

Salary, Acting General Superintendent, Rev. E. L. Heermance, part time, January and February, 1913		$70.00
Travel expense, Rev. Mr. Heermance		88.05
Salary General Superintendent, Rev. Everett Lesher		2,500.00
Travel expense, General Superintendent (estimated)		100.00
Salary Superintendent Northern Minnesota, Rev. W. L. Sutherland, half time		750.00
Travel expense, Rev. Mr. Sutherland (estimated)		180.00
Salary, Rev. W. J. Conard, General Missionary, half time		600.00
Travel expense, Rev. Mr. Conard (estimated)		300.00
Missionary Visits, special		35.00
Director's Travel (estimated)		100.00
Clerical work		285.00
Literature		29.65
Publicity sundries		9.50
Printing and stationery (estimated)		210.80
Telephone and telegraph (estimated)		76.00
Postage and express		82.00
Administration sundries (estimated)		18.00
Office furnishings		46.55
Congregational Minnesota		40.00
Total		$5,520.55
Missionary Churches, brought forward		7,372.90
Total due in 1913		$12,923.45
Loans due in 1913		961.15
Cash on hand January 1, 1913	$731.50	13,884.60
Receipts, January 1 to September 30, 1913	7,855.92	8,587.42
Amount to raise Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1913		$5,297.18

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "The Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society," and its location shall be in the city of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, in the state of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

The general purpose of this corporation shall be, of itself and in co-operation with the various national Congregational Missionary organizations, to promote the interests of religion, especially in the State of Minnesota, and for that purpose to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, real estate and personal property, to hold, use, give, grant and otherwise dispose of the same, and to employ such means and agencies from time to time as may seem expedient.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of this corporation shall consist of the officers and members of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and of such other persons as the Board of Directors of this corporation may from time to time elect.

ARTICLE IV.

The government of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of not less than nine Directors who shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of three years each, but at the first annual meeting one-third of such Directors shall be chosen for a term of one year, one-third for a term of two years, and one-third for a term of three years, so that thereafter one-third of such Directors may be chosen annually.

Said Board of Directors shall choose their own officers, who shall be elected annually and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Until the first annual meeting the following named persons shall constitute the Board of Directors: W. H. Laird, L. E. Jepson, S. G. Smith, Henry Holmes, W. H. Sallmon, A. A. Miller, G. E. Perley, A. C. Anderson, and E. S. Slater; and W. H. Laird shall be President, L. E. Jepson, Vice-President, and George R. Merrill, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held at the time and place of holding the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and the Moderator of said General Congregational Association of Minnesota shall be the presiding officer at such meeting.

THE FIRST QUARTER CENTURY

of Congregational Sunday School Missionary Work in Minnesota.

By Rev. R. P. Herrick, Superintendent.

To paint a picture of twenty-five years in twenty minutes one must lay on the colors with a few bold strokes of the brush and trust to the impression reflecting something of the spirit and service of those years. And as the entire period has been under one leadership it may be well to say at the outset that the design and purpose of it all was not mine. It was larger and finer than any foresight I could have had in those years of my youth, twenty-five years ago. My part in the story has been, when I was wise, the acceptance of Divine direction. So often the human plans were headed off, to my disappointment at the time. But looking back—and it is a wonderful thing to sit down and look back a quarter of a century—but looking back one sees designs that were being worked out, of which the workman was ignorant. A Divine hand overruled.

These were the impressions which came to me in going over twenty-five years of Missionary Sunday School work by the Sunday School Society as reported from year to year to this association and left as history in our annual state minutes. Most of the commonwealths of the west had the work of the Sunday School and Publishing Society well established before Minnesota fell tardily into line. For my part I had been for some years devoted to the Home Missionary Society, as Dr. Morley's associate in the western half of the state, and so expected to continue. There was a great appeal to me in that Home Missionary work.

Then in 1888 at the State Association meeting in Owatonna there appeared in our Minnesota midst a Boston Secretary bald of head, luxuriant of flowing sidewhiskers nearly white even then, and with the fetching Boston way so hard to resist. All who remember and revere the memory of Secretary George M. Boynton will know that he had his gentle way in Minnesota. So good an understanding subsisted and always subsisted between Dr. Morley and myself for those fifteen eventful years that it was soon arranged that the Sunday School Society's work for Congregationalism in Minnesota should be instituted on the basis of a generous and undefined partnership. And here be it said that not only did such a partnership endure in complete harmony for fifteen years and the records came to show eighty-five Congregational churches added to the roll, but strangely enough the partnership in educational work survived the years of absence and is renewed in our mutual efforts for Windom College again at this Association in Plymouth Church.

In reviewing so long a period as a quarter of a century it is natural to ask how and in what measure the Kingdom of God under our Congregational banner was advanced by the inauguration of this denominational Sunday School work in Minnesota.

One cannot read over the minutes of the State Association of Congregational churches written in the eighties and early nineties of the last century without perceiving that the kindling of this new flame actually made the other flames burn brighter and give more light. With the rallying of the lay

forces in our churches to new and better Sunday School work in '88 and '89; with the interesting of our pastors in organizing branch Sunday School work out from the village in country school districts; with the enthusiastic reports of opening fields in the new work by the state superintendents and the state committee, there came a forward impulse along all lines of work which marks that period as one of the most successful in the nearly sixty years of Congregational history. Advances were made in benevolence, church membership grew rapidly, the plans of the Woman's Boards were enlarged, the young people were rallied, a system of Sunday School benevolence was instituted for the benefit of our seven societies and in the new parts of the state work was laid out and churches organized with an *esprit du corps* that seems coming back to us again in connection with pilgrimage to missions in northern Minnesota. A few laymen among us can recall those golden days of the latter eighties and early nineties but not a single pastor remains in office who was in charge then. It was in one of these years that contributions from churches to Home Missions reached the $12,000 mark, a record surpassed only rarely in the succeeding years, if at all, except by sale of churches or legacies.

This is the same experience which came to South and North Dakota, Washington and California and the other western states which began to lay emphasis on the work of Congregational Sunday Schools and to organize an aggressive campaign for rural evangelism through the Sunday School; and in the few instances in other states, where, in the years since this distinctive Sunday School work has beeen "consolidated" there has followed a retrograding of all the other interests. The churches ought to do far more in this preliminary field rather than less and at this Association give the work of Rural Evangelism under the Sunday School Society a great push forward.

To turn now to the items involved in this twenty-five years history for the Churches themselves we catch something of its meaning at the very threshhold in the first annual report. There had never been a real gathering up of the facts, so that when it was reported that seventy-three Sunday Schools had been added to the roll in a single year and the membership increased accordingly there was reason for enthusiasm over the Sunday School Society's work. In the *third* report at Pilgrim Church, Duluth, it was possible to report the number of Congregational Sunday Schools *practically doubled* and the membership increased by 7,500. And here I pause to pay a word of tribute to the chairman of the State Sunday School committee of those days, Mr. Charles E. Dyer of the First Church, Minneapolis. Every co-operation and encouragement within his reach was vouchsafed to the young man working out this Sunday School problem and the committees since have given rare and generous service along this line. Supplementing Mr. Dyer's statistics the membership of Congregational Sunday Schools in Minnesota shows growth by decades as follows:

1865	2,243
1875	5,258
1885	14,301
1895	27,000
1905	37,396

From the very start the call was for better Sunday Schools as well as larger and this has maintained in the years since; in *co-operation* of late years since the denominations combined in Minnesota for an effort worth while, but always insisted on until the quality of our Congregational work in Minnesota compares favorably, I believe, with that of any western state. Listen to the fine report by Mr. Drake this year on the practical results of effort for better work in our Sunday Schools, especially Teacher Training. In 1892, for instance, there were fifty-one Sunday Schools making regular contributions to our Seven Societies by the use of the envelopes distributed to the pupils and in one year over $4,000, or about one-tenth of our entire benevolence was contributed by the Sunday Schools. Normal or teacher-training classes were instituted, conventions held and all that pertains to high-grade work in the Sunday School encouraged. In recent years the co-operative work of the denominations, or the State Sunday School Association as we call it, has been very fortunate in Minnesota in bringing to its leadership a thoroughly educated and able administrator in the person of Mr. A. M. Locker. The state, including our Congregational people, has put into the hands of their executive committee about $10,000 for prosecuting this co-operative educational work. Departments covering primary work, intermediate and adult work, grading, class-organization, teacher training and other lines, have been organized and a trained corps of experts called into the field. Practically every Sunday School in the state, whether in a big city or a country neighborhood, is called to better standards of work. This is accomplished through very real and active county organization in our eighty or more counties. This organization reaching down to the township and reporting by county map each year incites practically *every school* in the state to a better grade of work and to such standards as may be immediately attained. For the leap to perfection is not to be made in a day. Time must pass and a slow, sure advance be made through teacher training to the high standards set for us as Congregationalists. In this splendid and thorough work we co-operate in every possible way, looking for the time when our own Congregational worker may be afforded in this common move forward of the Church of God in lines of instruction.

In these twenty-five years the Churches themselves have been greatly the gainers through the stimulus of the Sunday School Society. To bring boys and girls, men and women through the Sunday School into the Church has been the constant, evangelistic appeal of its workers. Church attendance has been urged and in one year it is recorded that 657 united with our Churches from the Sunday Schools. Gradually special days for preparing for Church membership or receiving children into the Church have been observed

until Rally Day, Decision Day, Children's Day and Easter are observed in our Churches as times for preparing or receiving Christian children into the Church. The present year has been marked with this effort and the large number so received. On Children's Day it was my pleasure to witness at Benson, where the effective pastorate of Mr. Heath has told so remarkably, the reception of fifteen of the older boys and girls into the Church, and I said to myself, "There is the Church of the future." As I recall, Dr. Dewey received fifty-two members on Children's Day here in Plymouth Church, devoting himself for weeks previous to their counsel and preparation. Brethren, the day dawns and the Day Star arises in our midst, even Jesus Christ our Saviour.

But even in that early day the pendulum began to swing heavily toward the missionary functions of the Sunday School Society. The first report appeals with deep feeling for the unevangelized country districts over opposite our own doors. To get each of our village Churches interested in evangelizing one or more school house neighborhoods through the branch Sunday School and to let our Society help as needed—this was the plea. Any of you who will take the pains to visit the Historical Society in St. Paul and read the Sunday School reports of the nineties from bound copies of our minutes will be surprised, I think, to find how largely successful was that evangelizing movement. In the first year we had twenty-nine new Schools and for the first ten years we averaged over thirty-four branch and mission Schools organized each year.

It was a new idea in such work which we Minnesota Congregational people instituted, this putting new Schools always, if possible, under the pastoral care of the neighboring Church. In 1890, for instance, of the twenty-three Sunday Schools organized directly by our Society every one was under the oversight of some neighboring pastor. One pastor in that year increased his Sunday School membership from 100 to 252. And what a parish that gave him!

A hundred years ago only ten per cent. of the people of our country lived in cities. Today thirty per cent. But in that remaining seventy per cent. is one of the great problems of the Church. Say that in Minnesota 1,260,000 of our population is in country districts and that we have concentrated our Churches in the cities and villages—do you not see something of the magnitude of this problem of rural evangelization which confronted and confronts the Congregational Sunday School Society in this great commonwealth? If you will investigate you will find that there are terrible things happening to young people in these neglected neighborhoods. That all but universal Saturday night dance with its beer-keg often, and young girls returning long distances to their homes in the gray light of the quiet Sabbath morning—do you not hear the mother's sobs and the father's weary step as he watches for the home-coming of some dear child who is being swept beyond his reach in this night debauchery? THAT is here in Minnesota,

where a generation is growing up in many a neighborhood without the saving touch of religion.

In every way possible I have tried here in Minnesota on behalf of our Congregational churches to help these fathers and mothers. To this end the Sunday School circuit was organized. The idea was that one missionary might cover each month a parish, say 300 miles in extent, and gather at various centers the few Christian people who would unite under his leadership in helping sustain a Sunday School and preaching station. The results show that this plan is wholly practical. Such circuits in larger or lesser degree were maintained at times near Pillsbury, with eleven schools and stations; about Mankato, self supporting for the most part; about Park Rapids, about Backus and Hackensack, north and south of Mahnomen, along the Winnipeg line of the "Soo" from Duluth, and in lesser degree at other points. It was in 1903 that Catherine Nichols and Rosa Olds Bristol agreed on behalf of our best friend, the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union, to give backing to a wide-flung work with Park Rapids at the center. Rev. William J. Conard was asked to take this important work and unsparingly did he put himself into it. In a year or so he accumulated a parish in parts of six of those great northern counties, and in fourteen communities he was a comforting advisor, director and preacher once a month at least. His circuit was 300 miles long and often involved long walks for which nature had provided in giving him a good pair of long legs. He not only saved our Church at New York Mills, but eventually those at Bertha and Clarissa. He managed to inspire the fields to contribute to the support of this work until his circuit yielded about $500 of the expense. What he asked was that an organization stand back of him in working out his problems and that is what the women did through the Sunday School Society. In looking over the great stretches of northern Minnesota Dr. Dewey, our Moderator, suggested the value of such a plan in caring for the scattered settlements in that vast northern region, not knowing perhaps this history. The opportunities are there—three of them recommended last year—and the men are there, and when the comparatively small increase of contribution comes—when the Sunday School Society can read its title clear to $4,000 or $5,000 in annual gifts—we can put in operation this beneficent effort against Minnesota heathenism.

The fruitfulness of this missionary Sunday School work is illustrated along the "Soo" line north of Detroit. The survey and beginnings were made by our missionary, Rev. E. C. Lyons. Lyndale Sunday School, a faithful friend, furnished the money necessary and Carleton College the summer worker, Mr. Cedric Crawford. In three months our Society had beginnings in Waubun, Ogema and Callaway. So well developed were these points by fall that General Missionary Barbour could create a self-supporting preaching circuit. As we are meeting here, the Church at Waubun, the Indian word for daylight, is getting ready to dedicate a $3,500 Church building which needs only a contribution of $100 from this Association to meet

the last bills. Superintendent Sutherland has worked his Indian magic on those Churches and also found them an able pastor from Chicago Seminary in the person of Rev. Anders O. Kvass.

Of the more than 500 Sunday Schools organized in this quarter of a century in Minnesota through the agency of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society nearly ninety appear as Congregational Churches, many of them making large contributions to all lines of missionary work and returning to the denomination annually many times the yearly cost of maintaining the Society's work. A large number have been taken over by other denominations and many today are churches of other orders. My first week's work was in North Mankato, where the beginning made and maintained several years is now the North Mankato Methodist Church, with a neat house of worship. Other schools did a work for a time that was well worth while and is represented in men and women who found Christ there and are now doing this work in other fields. What a story I might tell of the West Dora field in that way were there time!

Here is an instance of such work from the twentieth report—work which was transient. In a little town near Hinckley our Missionary, Dahlgren, undertook to establish a Sunday School. He found his way blocked in the community by the young man who taught the school and who posed before the community as an infidel. Before Mr. Dahlgren's meetings were over this school teacher was converted and came forward, not only professing his new found love for the Saviour, but also asking, "What wilt thou have me to do?" To this question came the general request that he superintend the Sunday School. To this he agreed and for some months filled the office satisfactorily. Then swept down on that region that tornado of flame known as the Hinckley fire. The little town was in a single, awful night wiped off the map. Some of the people, men, women and children, perished in the cataclysm of roaring wind and flame. The story of that missionary visit and its sequel was ended. But there was the satisfaction that before this day the Congregationalists of the land had preached the Gospel of the eternal hope to this little community so soon to suffer.

There is much I would like to dwell upon in this history to indicate the tremendous worth-whileness of this foundation work, this pioneering, this states-craft in the name of Jesus Christ in Minnesota. I would show you how it has kept track of every section, taken advantage of every development, whether the railroad building in the north or that period of railroad building in southern Minnesota fourteen years ago. But all this story I must pass, to say an inadequate word about the Honorable Order of Sunday School workers of the Minnesota Dispensation. Let me say in passing that among these nearly twenty associates there has been team play and nothing but team play. All worked as brethren in the service of our common Master in a harmony and friendship which was delightful. The third year of the work made it evident that this New England of the west—Minnesota—could not be cared for by one man. The first associate called into this work in

1891 was Rev. William L. Sutherland, whom we loaned to Kansas and Missouri for a time, as state superintendent, but now have again among us as Superintendent of northern Minnesota. There is a flavor about old friendships not found in new. Mr. Sutherland is an old friend both of the Churches and I am proud to say of mine. We are to hear of his noble work this afternoon.

John C. Huntington, the brother of our beloved Prof. Huntington of Northfield, for ten years did a notable work both north and south in Minnesota. How the young people loved and followed him and how he led them by scores to Christ! As state superintendent of Texas and Louisiana he spent his last years and from a Texas hospital passed on into glory and to a crown.

Rev. J. E. Ingham was called from the Sherburne circuit to the superintendency of Kansas. Rev. E. H. Stickney was for ten years a part of his time in our Minnesota work bringing out of his Sunday Schools in one year nine Congregational Churches to join the Northern Pacific Conference —every one well placed. Dr. Stickney is now General Superintendent for North Dakota and honored far and wide. Mark the type of men who have given their years in this associate work!

One of the most helpful men we ever had was Rev. E. C. Lyons, whose footsteps remain both north and south in Churches organized. For some seventeen years "Uncle" John F. Okerstein cared for his great parish in Swedish-American fields, bringing scores to hope in Christ until it was estimated that some 200 scattered Christians looked to him as their spiritual adviser and father in the faith. Rev. William J. Conard, always patient, earnest, prayerful and wise, is still doing work in the same heroic spirit in western Minnesota that he exhibited in the north. The churches believe in Mr. Conard and his ministry to the uncared-for. Rev. T. W. Howard was for some eight years in the employ of the Society and only treasury-stress, if you know what that is, induced us to relinquish his far-reaching services.

This summer I stood one afternoon among the slate gravestones on Burial Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts. I looked down on the broad bay where in imagination I could see the Mayflower riding at anchor. I looked down the street where the first log cabin straggled up the hill and then about me where on the gravestones were those dear old Pilgrim names never to forget. And I thought what an unspeakable privilege those men had in laying foundations which endure.

The peculiar privilege of working in Minnesota is that we are still in the formative period in the northern section of the state. We can still shoot way into the future influences of life and light as did our Pilgrim fathers at old Plymouth. If it were possible to hold up before our vision a picture of northern Minnesota 100 years from now we should see some of these foundations which we are laying now, built upon in the providence of God with influences magnificent and great which reach around the world. May it be given us to have the vision of the prophet, the zeal of Paul, and the great loving heart of an Apostle John, in seeking through the years to come to be in some sort apostles of Jesus Christ to this great northern section.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Your Committee would report as follows:

1. THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.—The year has been marked by activity on the part of the workers of the Minnesota district of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. Efforts have been put forth to make our Sunday School work successful, progressive, and in keeping with the latest in Sunday School methods. The work has been done in connection with the pressure of missionary problems upon their hands. Dr. Herrick visited five local conferences in the spring, speaking of graded work, teacher training, and adult Bible class work in particular. Superintendent W. L. Sutherland was at four conferences devoting attention to advanced Sunday School work. In this way the leaders in our Churches were brought into touch with our Congregational efforts for better Sunday School work. General Missionary Conard has worked in Western Minnesota, and Mrs. A. J. Woodrow has volunteered educational work in a number of schools in the Twin Cities, devoting sometimes two months to helping forward better methods. All these have dealt with the educational problems of individual Schools and Churches wherever opportunity offered, encouraging especially teacher training work, graded lessons and the adult class organizations.

The most inspiring Sunday School event of the past year was the annual convention of the State Sunday School Association, held in Duluth last March. Our Congregational workers were present in force and valuable addresses were given at several sessions by Congregational people. Rev. E. B. Dean of Northfield, speaking at the boys' conference, particularly emphasized work for boys and young men through the Sunday School. Mrs. J. E. Hobart, until recently State Superintendent of Teacher Training work, is a member of one of our Churches. And we are also glad to claim Mrs. J. C. Buchanan, another teacher training expert.

The Congregational rally at Duluth was attended by about one hundred Congregational delegates and proved a most enthusiastic gathering. Mr. W. A. Buchanan of Merriam Park, pleaded for more "get-togethers" of Congregational Sunday School workers, when progressive methods might be discussed in open parliament, and where our schools might learn from each other how best to perform our mission as stewards of the Word of God. The Duluth convention was certainly a great gathering, and from it our nearly one hundred delegates returned to their homes with their visions of opportunity clarified and enlarged and with their hearts thrilled by the blessed interdenominational fellowship they had enjoyed, and with a desire to render more efficient service in their own denominational schools.

Your committee wishes to renew the hearty endorsement which previous sessions of our general Association have given to the Minnesota State Sunday School Association. We believe it is doing excellent service for the advancement of the Sunday Schools among all denominations, and is a potent factor in promoting the spiritual union of Christian workers. We

recently spent several hours in its office, and were courteously permitted to examine the reports received from the eighty-five counties of the state, and to glean therefrom much of the information concerning Congregational Sunday Schools that is presented in this report.

2. SURVEY OF THE SCHOOLS.—The minutes of 1912 report 232 Churches in Minnesota, and but 184 Sunday Schols. This means either that there are 48 Churches that have no Sunday Schools, or that they failed to report for the year book. The 184 schools enroll 21,000 members, or an average of 115 members per school. The schools may be grouped numerically as follaws: 38 schools enroll less than 50 members. 66 schools enroll between 50 and 100 members. 52 schools enroll between 100 and 200 members. 15 schools enroll between 200 and 300 members. 4 schools enroll between 300 and 400 members. 9 schools enroll between 400 and 500 members. Only 28 schools report more than 200 members. The average enrollment is 115 members.

There are also 144 independent and missionary schools with a total membership of nearly 5,000. This puts Minnesota into first rank in Congregationalism in the United States, both for the number of missionary schools and in members enrolled.

GRADED LESSONS.—78 schools (42 per cent.) report the use of graded lessons, all in the primary, many in the junior, and a goodly number in the intermediate grades. We believe much of the credit for this high per cent. is due to the activity of our field workers, who have earnestly advocated their introduction.

ORGANIZED CLASSES.—An organized class is one that has its own president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and teacher. Also there must be three committees, viz., membership, social and devotional. The organized class movement had its beginning among the adults in order to enlist the fathers and mothers in the Sunday School ranks. As Marion Lawrence put it: "The best way to hold the boys is to surround them with a wall of men." The movement has spread with remarkable rapidity till there are now nearly 38,000 classes reported, of which Minnesota has as yet but 502, and of which 67 are in Congregational schools. Many schools have at least two organized classes for adults, so it is probable that not more than 20 per cent of our schools have as yet introduced this most helpful feature of progressive work. This movement has now been extended to the scholars of the teen age, from 13 to 19 years, as a means of holding them to the school. The greatest loss of scholars out of schools has always occurred in the later teen age. The organized class movement in the teen age has already accomplished much toward overcoming the tendency for our youth to drop out from our Sunday School ranks. Congregationalists report 88 organized classes of the teen age in Minnesota, We believe that the organized class movement, properly directed, will accomplish far reaching results.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.—It is encouraging to note that 74 schools, or 40 per cent., have some sort of teachers' meetings, either weekly or monthly.

These gatherings constitute a superintendent's cabinet, the importance of which can hardly be over emphasized. In this meeting reports from the various departments are received, problems discussed, new plans devised, observance of special days arranged for, and whatever concerns the advancement and efficiency of the school is thoroughly discussed. Some schools with pronounced success precede the business session of the cabinet with a cover dish supper, each lady bringing some prepared dish of her own choice. The sociability thus afforded does much to foster a closer friendship among the leaders of the Sunday School family.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASSES.—If it be true that the teaching force is the strategic part of the school, then the proper training of this force should be strongly insisted upon. We are glad to report 44 teacher training classes, with 394 students, which is a gain of 41 over last year's report. Thus 27 per cent of our schools are putting forth some systematic effort toward training the teaching staff. Of the 44 classes 34 are found in schools of less than 200 members. And of the 394 students 251, or 65 per cent., are in schools with less than 200 members. One school of only 16 members reports one teacher training student. It is probably safe to say that that person, perhaps at a Congregational conference or a Sunday School convention, became convinced of the importance of teacher training, and not being able to enlist the co-operation of others in the organization of a class, determined to undertake the course alone. In the language of W. C. Pearce, let us hope that it will cloud up and rain down a multitude of such teachers.

It is significant that of the courses reported 12 classes use the Oliver, 12 the Hurlburt, 6 the Moninger, and 4 the Advanced, but none of our Congregational schools have as yet taken up our own Congregational course. Your committee believes that this fact in no way reflects discredit upon the merits of our excellent course, nor upon the activity of those who should urge its adoption; but it does seem to indicate that our schools are not yet ready to introduce so elaborate, or so expensive, a course, requiring six text books and two years for completion.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Out of 184 schools 35 report Home Departments. This is but 20 per cent of our schools. Yet this 20 per cent enrolls 700 members. If all of our schools were to operate this helpful feature the 700 could easily be increased to 3,500 persons, who now, by reason of infirmity, or family hindrances or excessive distance, are shut out from the benefits of the main school. Many others, such as railroad men, street car employees, members of the fire department, hotel employees, physicians and nurses, might well be enlisted for the systematic study of God's word, for one-half hour per week, at their own convenient time, under the supervision of some particular school.

THE CRADLE ROLL.

Fifty per cent of our schools report having a cradle roll. But what about the other fifty per cent? If some schools are alert to claim the new born babes

for the cradle roll, and frequently thus to enlist the interest of the parents in the school, and to open many a door for the pastor, then why are not the other half of our schools also availing themselves of this helpful agency for good? "A little child shall lead them."

MISSIONARY INSTRUCTION.

Many of our schools are appointing a missionary superintendent whose function is to provide a definite missionary program for the school and to present to every class definite missionary objects to which they may contribute, and also to make a five-minute talk on missions before the main school. Where this has been tried it has awakened a deepening interest in world-wide missions

MALE TEACHERS.

A few months since an enthusiastic worker among boys was going the rounds of conventions and men's clubs lamenting the scarcity of men on the teaching force of our Sunday Schools. He stated that in the average school the boy saw teachers with big hats before him, big hats behind him, and big hats on either side of him. He therefore concluded that it was an institution for girls and women, but not for him, and hence he would "quituate" at an early date. The speaker intended no reflection upon the earnestness or efficiency of our lady teachers, but he merely pleaded for male teachers for male classes. The matter received some attention from the press. It appeared to us that the statement of the case was a bit exaggerated. We therefore thought it worth while to investigate. But as the inquiry was begun at a late hour the field of observation was necessarily restricted, and the information sought and obtained from twenty representative Minneapolis schools. The findings are as follows, and apply only to the grades above the primary.

Twenty Minneapolis schools report 274 teachers, of which 41 per cent are male.

In schools of less than 200 members the teachers are 40 per cent male.

In schools that enroll from 200 to 300 the teachers are 35 per cent male.

In schools that enroll from 300 to 400 the teachers are 38 per cent male.

In schools that enroll from 400 to 500 the teachers are 49 per cent male

Four schools, Plymouth, Fifth Avenue, Fremont Avenue, and Thirty-eighth Street, report a majority of the teachers male. The average of male teachers above the primary grade in these four schools is 60 per cent. In Plymouth the average is 70 per cent.

We believe the findings of this investigation reveal a commendable condition. And either the statement of the scarcity of male teachers was exaggerated, or else Congregational schools are above the average.

We find in the above general survey much to encourage us, but also enough to humble and stimulate us to put forth a larger endeavor along all lines of Sunday School effort.

While the attainment of the standard of efficiency suggested by our Recom-

mendations (See page —) will require effort on the part of every school, we believe that the lines of activity suggested are practical and well worth our while. It will give a definite program for advance effort.

We therefore recommend that an effort be made in all our schools to attain this standard, and to this end we would suggest that the General Association Sunday School Committee for the ensuing year bring this standard to the attention of all our schools, and report at the next meeting of the general association the progress made toward the attainment of the standard.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD A. DRAKE,
J. M. ANDERSON,
W. A. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

STATISTICS FOR WORK OF CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY FOR MINNESOTA, 1912-1913.

Workers employed either a whole or portion of the year:
Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Northern Minnesota.
Rev. W. J. Conard, Western Minnesota.
Mr. Penn Howard, Summer Work.
Rev. R. P. Herrick, Minnesota-South Dakota.
New Sunday Schools organized in twenty-two communities.
Sunday Schools reorganized in six communities.
Sunday Schools visited once or more, one hundred and five.
Pastors and Superintendents consulted, two hundred and sixty-eight.
Meetings attended, church, etc., two hundred and sixty.
Addresses and sermons given, four hundred and seventy-five.
Miles traveled, fifty-four thousand, three hundred and seventy.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.

Report of Treasurer for Year Ending September 30, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

October 1, 1912, Cash in hand		$10.95
Central Association balance, 1912	$44.00	
Central Association, on account 1913	71.00	
Duluth Association, on account in full, 1912	3.24	
Duluth Association, on assessment, 1913	42.46	
Mankato Association, on assessment, 1913	74.63	
Minneapolis Association, 1912 $269.00		
Minneapolis Association, 1913 150.00		
	419.00	
Minnesota Valley Association, account 1911-12	19.34	
Northern Pacific Association, balance in full, 1911-12	66.00	
St. Paul Association, balance in full, 1911-12	102.00	
St. Paul Association, on account 1912-13	138.00	
Southeastern Association, balance in full, 1911-12	81.00	
Southeastern Association, account of 1912-13	69.00	
Western Conference, balance 1911-12, paid in full	9.21	
Western Conference, on assessment 1912-13	5.79	
		1,144.67
		$1,155.62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bill apportionment committees owing C. D. Decker, bill 1911-12	$39.83	
Committee on apportionment, 1912	12.15	
Treasurer Apportionment Committee, as per bills and vouchers	21.18	
Business Committee, expenses and printing programs, 1912	37.47	
Printing and mailing State meeting minutes, 1912	226.40	
Printing registering cards for State meeting	2.30	
Printing 250 letterheads and blank sheets	2.50	
To paid Treasurer National Council on acct. Assoc. dues. Balance unpaid, $80.	600.82	
Secretary and Treasurer, salary	150.00	
Incidental expenses	28.50	
Supplies, extension envelopes, stationery, stamps, telegraph and telephoning, exchange and express charges	21.99	
		1,143.14
Cash in hand		12.48
		$1,155.62

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
J. M. MORRIS, Auditor Pro-tem.
Approved as $1,143.14.

L. L. DODGE,
Chairman Committee on Finance and Printing.

October 6, 1913.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

Year Ending September 30th, 1913.

October 1, 1912, Cash on hand		$292.03
Contributions from Churches direct	$183.60	
From Churches by H. E. Chapman, Treasurer	107.65	
Minn. W. H. M. U. by Mrs. M. A. Burch, Treas	256.12	
		547.37
Offerings of Conference and Association—		
Annual State Meeting, Northfield	$64.14	
Minneapolis Association	14.76	
St. Paul Association	8.46	
Central Association	10.00	
Duluth Association	13.64	
Northern Pacific Association	8.71	
Southeastern Association	7.80	
Western Conference	5.03	
		132.54
Interest on invested funds		394.50
By refund		8.88
		$1,375.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nine beneficiaries and special	$832.50	
To make up portion of mortgage	50.00	
Exchange, postage stamps and envelopes	5.82	
Incidental expenses	3.00	
		891.32
To Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief		100.00
Cash in hand		384.00
		$1,375.32
Invested funds		$7,100.00

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

J. M. McBRIDE,
Auditor Pro Tem.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we present this report, which shows that you have not been unmindful of us during the year, as our financial report goes to show.

During the year the Secretary has been making a specialty of bringing this commendable cause to the attention of well-to-do Christian laymen, to the end that "THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA" shall be remembered with generous gifts, for the "Endowment Fund" in their wills; and in every instance we have been shown kindly courtesy and encouragement.

In this good work it is our purpose to persevere and not faint until this "Fund," inaugurated one year ago, as suggested by the heirs of the late William H. Laird of Winona, shall reach the specified amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars. At the same time also the Laird heirs made a generous gift of Five Thousand Dollars to be used as the nucleus for such a Fund, for which, with others, we are ever thankful.

Dr. James W. Strong, fearing he might be called home ere his cherished purpose to bestow one more gift to the Ministerial Relief Society should be carried out, borrowed fifty dollars that he might send it in while he yet lived. For such men and such gifts, thank God.

Therefore, for the Society's sake, we will not hold our peace and for the sake of the aged Gospel Minister, grown old in the work, and his no less devoted wife, whose working days are now over, we will not rest, until Minnesota's riches are increasingly given, to the end, that our Congregational Churches may soon, very soon, be in a position to pension every worthy veteran of the Army of the Cross, with his faithful wife, to the honor of our common Lord, the Churches of our name, and the deserving *"retired Minister,"* and that these men of God who gave themselves and of their substance, so lavishly, to the work they loved so well, may not come to the eventide of life unprovided for.

Bearing "one another's burdens," beloved, "and so fulfilling the law of Christ."

To you, we commend this good work. Help "THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA." Give it your prayers and your gold. *Psalm LXXII*, 15.

The two members of the Board whose terms expire at this time are Judge Willard R. Cray and John M. McBride.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.

October 7th, 1913.

The Treasurer's report will show a balance on hand of $12.48. He has collected $1,144.67, considerably over half of which was on arrears for the year or years previous, so that now there is a balance of $716.87 on the $1,236.45 of the 1913 assessment still uncollected. There is unpaid on 1913 accounts about $140.00 for objects contained in the estimate made by this committee last year, but there was appropriated later in the session $150.00 for the Interdenominational Commission, not yet called for or paid, and by the Association, two years ago, an appropriation of $50.00 was made to the Congregational Brotherhood, which that organization has been anxious to secure. This makes a total of $340.00 of known liabilities, to meet which there are unpaid 1913 assessments of $716.87, and of previous years $110.66. This would leave, provided all outstanding dues are paid, a balance of $487.53. But there was a considerable balance of unpaid dues a year ago, and it is probable, unless some change can be made, that conditions will be no better next year. In fact, the 1913 collections, including previous years' arrearages, have been nearly $100.00 less than the total of the assessments upon the churches for that year.

It may be outside the province of this Committee, but the situation outlined prompts a remark and a recommendation.

The assessments made at the Annual Meetings of the Association upon the several district conferences are for the succeeding year. Practically all bills must be paid before the meeting of that year, but collections are so slow that this year, four weeks before this meeting, less than thirty per cent of the year's totals had been received. It is true that some delinquent past year's dues had come in, without which it would have been impossible to have paid one-half the 1913 appropriations. This is without any fault on the part of the Treasurer, who receives remittances only from the district registrars, who collect from the churches of their conferences the amounts assessed to each on the basis of membership, so the responsibility and burden of changing conditions rest with the individual churches. The demands of this Association, more than half of which go to the National Council, are not heavy, even for weak churches, and good financing demands greater punctuality in meeting these obligations. We therefore respectfully recommend that the dues or assessments passed at each meeting be declared to be due and payable on the 1st of January of the succeeding year; that as soon as the Minutes of the Annual Meeting are printed, and not later than November 15th, the Treasurer is hereby instructed to notify each district registrar of the amount due from his district, and that each registrar notify each church of his district of the amount apportioned to it, and that provision should be made by or before January 1st for payment as early in the year as is possible; that on January 1st, and monthly thereafter, unless all payments are sooner made, the Treasurer send notices to each registrar, and the registrars, on receipt of same, to the

individual churches, showing the amounts still unpaid; that all unpaid assessments at the times of the meeting of the district conferences in May be provided for definitely at those meetings and that all amounts remaining unpaid on June 1st be declared delinquent and be subject to a penalty of ten per cent.

As the Association may before adjournment see fit to make appropriations for some special objects, as has been done heretofore, we wish to defer both the making of a definite estimate of expenses and the recommendation of an assessment to cover them, until later in the session. As a guide, however, to the Association, if other objects are presented, we make the following tentative estimate, to meet which an assessment of six cents per member, amounting on the Secretary's estimate of 21,990 members to $1,319.40, will be necessary.

For the National Council, 3 cents each for 22,530 members	$675.90
For printing minutes of Annual Meeting	230.00
Salary of Secretary	200.00
Expenses of Secretary and incidentals	70.00
Expenses of Program and other Committees	40.00
Expense of Apportionment Committee	70.00
Expense of Business Committee	30.00
Total	$1,315.90

This total is about $80.00 more than last year, and is made up largely of an increase of $50.00 in the salary of the Secretary and Treasurer, which is recommended by this committee, as it is believed that even the amount here named is altogether too small a sum for the time, labor and patience required to adequately fill this position.

At a later meeting the following was submitted:

The Committee on Finance and Printing recommend that the amounts totaling $1,315.90, as shown in the tentative estimate made in the regular report, be allowed for the purposes therein named, with the understanding that the expense items are approximate, that those assigned to particular objects may be more or less and may be adjusted according to the needs, so long as the total is not exceeded.

To meet this estimate your Committee recommend an assessment of six cents per member, apportioned among the several district associations, as follows:

Central Association	1,501 members	$90.06
Duluth Assosciation	805 members	48.30
Mankato Association	1,337 members	80.22
Minneapolis Asssociation	8,156 members	489.36
Minnesota Valley Association	1,088 members	65.28
Northern Pacific Association	1,493 members	89.58
St. Paul Association	4,267 members	256.02
Southeastern Association	2,513 members	150.78
Western Association	830 members	49.80
Total	21,990 members	$1,319.40

The Committee further recommend that the unpaid accounts shown in the report and amounting to $340.00 be paid out of collections of 1913 and previous years' dues, and that such portion of these collections as may be required, if any, be applied to the payment of 1914 expenses, in case collections for that year are insufficient for the purpose.

L. L. DODGE, Chairman,
SAMUEL E. KELLERMANN,
J. B. HARKER,

Minneapolis, October 9th, 1913. Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

This committee during the last ten years has gathered much printed and manuscript information of our denominational work and the history of the Congregational Churches of this state, preserving it in the Library of the Minnesota Historical Society in the New Capitol. It is hoped that this work will be continued, and that the pastors and other church officers will forward to this library all publications of sermons and addresses, proceedings of Annual Meetings and anniversary celebrations, and pamphlets and newspaper reports of the churches, their Missionary Societies, and Sunday Schools.

Some of the founders and charter members of nearly all these churches are yet living, who are able to supply very interesting reminiscences. From such narrations, which are earnestly solicited, from the historical and biographical data already gathered as above noted, and from the Congregational Year Books, with aid for the recent history by the pastors, home missionaries, and others, who are now carrying forward the work of the churches, Sunday Schools, and Windom and Carleton Colleges, a very useful and inspiring history of Congregationalism in Minnesota may be compiled and published.

WARREN UPHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF STATE BENEVOLENCE TREASURER.

Received from Churches		$6,182.99
Money sent to National Societies—		
American Board	$1,522.77	
Church Building	442.96	
Education Society	281.11	
American Missionary Association	390.89	
Sunday School and Publishing Society	454.84	
Ministerial Relief	124.29	
Women's Board of Missions of the Interior	693.86	
Woman's Home Missionary Union	724.66	
Congregational Home Missions	1,511.05	
To. M. J. G. Burges, special offering from St. Anthony Park Church	35.00	
		6,181.43
Balance on hand		1.56
Balance on hand		.54

Mr. C. N. Thorp, Chairman:

I have examined the books of the Apportionment Treasurer, Rev. H. E. Chapman, and found same O. K.

C. I. FULLER,
Auditor.

October 9, 1913.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

All of your committee have visited Carleton College, some of them a number of times during the year, and have kept themselves alert to the life and work of the college. All of them visited the institution last Tuesday, September 30th, attending classes and Chapel, looking over, in a general way, the buildings and plant including Gridley Hall dormitory and the Music Hall now in course of erection, examining the financial and other reports of the college, discussing together the present success and the pressing problems that need to be solved, and agreeing upon this report.

First of all, we feel like congratulating Minnesota Congregationalism on having in the field and devoted to its service such a splendid institution, one that is seeking to live up to the very highest ideals of Congregationalism, the fundamental democratic faith of America. We believe there is a well defined field for a definitely Christian college in addition to the field occupied by other institutions and we are happy to report to you our most favorable impressions of the high moral tone, the real spirituality, the sense of the life of the spirit of things worth while, the genuine religious atmosphere, and the real care that the members of the faculty seem to have in the personal safety and welfare of all the young people intrusted to them. All of the committee now have or have had sons or daughters as students there and on that account, with others, are unreservedly and enthusiastically commending to you Carleton College as a place where manhood and womanhood are made, and where character qualities are never given any minor place in estimates of worth.

We would commend the administration of the College whereby the tuition rates have been kept so low as they have and the economical management of Gridley Hall so that good board is obtained at a minimum charge; and we rejoice that in these and other ways ambitious and needy students are enabled to work their way through college, in whole or in part, and that the social and democratic atmosphere of both faculty and students is such that no loss of self respect, standing, or privilege, social or otherwise, is sustained by such students, but rather that they seem to win the greater esteem from their fellows.

The regular standards of a first class college of liberal arts are being maintained and as additions are made in the faculty, those departments are being strengthened that have the most power to impart life's real values and so to equip students for the largest social efficiency in the communities and churches where they will live and work.

Another professor has been added in the Bible and Religion department, one more in Philosophy and Psychology, and the same in Economics and in Biology because these are the places where there are the largest opportunities to do great intellectual Christian seed sowing and to give young men and women the right view of life and to implant in them a zeal for social service, so that wherever their lives are spent they will stand for the good things of our Master's growing Kingdom.

The year has opened splendidly with an enrollment of about 400 and the largest Freshman class in the history of the College, 173, of whom 75 are women and 98 are men. This is an increase of 40 over last year's enrollment. Including the Conservatory of Music, the total enrollment is 423. Among the students there is a great enthusiasm for Carleton; more pronounced than the ordinary zeal that every student is likely to have for his own college. And this is no small working asset.

The annual financial report shows that the College lived last year within its income, $87,678.61, spending $87,653.79. One-half of the Campaign Fund of $600,000 for debt and endowment has already been paid in. The debts are met and the funds as they come in are being invested safely and at attractive interest rates.

This has permitted an addition to the faculty of five new professors. There are now twelve full professorships and a total of thirty-one members of the faculty. The plant and equipment are valued at $465,173.47. At the present time there is an interest bearing endowment fund of over $700,000 and there are *bona fide* pledges that should make the total endowment over one million dollars by July, 1915.

The impression must not obtain that Carleton's needs are now all met. We have a few fine buildings there and some very excellent professors and instructors, but we must deepen and make more effective our work by more buildings and equipment and by additional members of the faculty in order that we may do a first class work for not to exceed five hundred students. A fine new Music building will soon be finished—the musical department is self supporting. The building needs then come in about this order: The most pressing need is a new Chapel, which may have the greatest impressionary influence on the student of any of the buildings on the campus; then a building for Y. M. C. A. and religious work, Bible department, etc.; a boys' dormitory is needed so much that one wonders if it is right to wait for it. Laird Science Hall needs to be supplemented with a Biology building, and already a building of recitation rooms is in demand because there are not places enough for classes. Just as soon as possible after the endowment we should round out the faculty and complete the building needs, so that we may have a thoroughly manned and equipped small college. Without the Congregational Churches of the state Carleton cannot live and without Carleton our Churches can not come to their full power and the effectiveness which in the past has characterized the Pilgrim fathers and their spiritual descendants. Here is our great and effectual door of opportunity to unite in the support of this splendid Christian college for Minnesota and make it the accomplished servant of our families and of our Churches.

Two years ago this Association at Alexandria, following the honored and sacrificing example of the Association in founding the College, pledged the Churches of the state to pay towards the endowment the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in four annual installments. In response to this promise of the Association but $17,592.17, or one-third of the total amount,

have been pledged by the Churches, and of this amount only $7,429.04 have been paid in. All of this $50,000 pledged will be due and will have to be paid during the next year and nine months, or the endowment project will fall short of actual completion, unless that amount is made up in some other way. We believe the Churches want to take care of this, but just have not had the care or the courage to take hold of it. We, therefore, suggest that a committee be named at this meeting, who will make this matter their special concern and see that in all honor to our worthy body of Churches this obligation is promptly and fully met before July, 1915.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. S. DEVITT,
THOS. HUGHES,
JAMES J. DOW,
Committee.

October 7th, 1913.

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

A visitor to Chicago Theological Seminary is pleased with the general equipment for work. The plant could accommodate with ease twice the present number of students. The affiliation of the Seminary with the New First Church opens a wide field at the very doors of the institution for practical pastoral and evangelistic service. Chicago Commons, and the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy, both established and fathered by Prof. Graham Taylor, offer the students rare opportunities for getting in touch with social settlement work and all lines of philanthropic research and endeavor.

In addition to the standard courses, which require for admission "the full work of a college of recognized standing, or an equivalent," the Seminary maintains four foreign-speaking Institutes, for the Germans, the Dane-Norwegians, the Swedes and the Finns. That for the Finns was added during the past year. The School of Music under the direction of Professor Smith is an important asset. The Congregational Training School for women is closely allied with the Seminary and is deserving of hearty support. We would call the attention of our Committees on Credentials in local Associations to the Department of Seminary Extension which is organized to enable ministers in active service to share the advantages of the Seminary.

The attendance of students in all departments last year was about one hundred. The opening days this fall register about the same number. This is a very gratifying gain, for the registration is larger than at any time for seven years. The per cent of college men steadily increases.

The great need of the Seminary is for more college trained students. If

the popularity of President Davis at Carleton is any criterion, that worthy gentleman is second to none of all our theological seminary leaders in the personal appeal made in colleges, for men to enter the ministry. However, we ought not to expect these seminary men to do all the pleading; the responsibility rests quite as truly farther back—the home, the church, and the college must begin more earnestly the work of recruiting for the ministry. It is significant that two sons of Dr. Boynton of the National Council have been ordained recently and that Dr. Herring of the National Home Missionary Society has two sons preparing for the same calling. Is not the tide turning? Not only should we urge worthy young men into the ministry but the needs of our work in these regions call for greater activity in sending good men to our own seminary. The eastern seminaries are not to be despised. They are urging our western men to come to them for "the broadening influences of travel and eastern culture"—the Alumni of these Divinity schools naturally enough abet their efforts. But let us not forget that the brightest and best men of each class graduating in New England or New York are, as a rule, picked up by the churches in their vicinage. The same thing obtains with our seminary. When they graduate here we conserve the strongest men for our own work. Usually it is not until years after that New England finds them out. We are indebted to the last graduating class of our seminary for a splendid group of young ministers for Northern Minnesota. When I graduated from Amherst College President Seelye said to me: "If you intend to work in the west, go to a western seminary." He was right.

The financial prospects are encouraging—President Davis writes: "For the first time in many years we met our current expenses through an increase in the gifts of the Churches and great good fortune in being able to curtail some of our expenses in administration. The gifts did not reach the total to which they must come steadily if we are to maintain the Seminary, but the Churches and individual friends rallied as they had not done before."

The motive which inspired our fathers to join with other State Associations in the founding of Chicago Theological Seminary should still be our motive for giving her our whole hearted support.

EDWIN B. DEAN.

CONSTITUTION

NAME.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2. It disclaims all ecclesiastical power or authority, but aims to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

DOCTRINE.

Art. 3. It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1883.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 4. Any minister who is a member of a Congregational conference in this state shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, with an additional delegate for each fifty resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership except voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot, after previous nomination by an informal ballot; an Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and may also be Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES

Art. 6. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, of which the minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held shall be a member, a Committee of Finance and Printing, a Sunday School Committee and a Committee on Historical Matter, of three members each, one of whom shall be chosen annually to serve three years, and a Committee on Carleton College, including the Moderator of the Association, with one representative from each Conference, chosen for three years and after first election one-third to be chosen each year. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years.

For each annual meeting there shall be Committees of three each, on Nominations, on Place and Preacher, on Resolutions, and on Credentials.

This Association shall elect an Advisory Board of five members, of which the Home Missionary Superintendent shall be a member EX OFFICIO, the other four members to be elected as follows: The first year four members to be elected, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and thereafter one to be elected each year to serve for four years.

That it be the function of this board to act as a consulting body, and a bureau of information in regard to all the Congregational interests in the state; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the Advisory Committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to our churches and ministers; to be ready to advise and assist, on application, in the bringing together of churches and ministers, and to act as a bureau of supply; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local committees, or by the churches or ministers; and in general, to aim to consolidate and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the pastorate, and to quicken the fellowship united action of all.

PROVIDED, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the first Tuesday in October and close as directed by the Business Committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

Any rule of the Association may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the conference to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Moderator, on the opening day of the annual meeting at which he presides, shall deliver an address upon the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

7. The Secretary shall collect statistics from the conferences and churches, shall record and report to the Moderator events of special significance in the work of the year, as reported by the registrars, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, for which service he may receive reasonable compensation.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from conferences, according to the appointment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Moderator at the opening session, shall nominate all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make all local provision for the annual meeting.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each, ordinarily, to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot after nomination by informal ballot to represent the Congregational churches of the State at the National Council.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

YEAR		PLACE	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1:4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4:7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11:15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Seccombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3:8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55:10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4:6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2:18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17:20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14:10.
10	65	Minneapolis ...	Bro. R. G. Lincoln.....	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2:1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33:8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D..	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19:11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40:3: 42:5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4:22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4:28.
16	71	St. Anthony...	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D..	Rev. C. C. Salter, D.D.; Isa. 40:3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D.D.; Rom. 1:16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D.D.; Phil. 2:15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D.D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6:9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis ...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D....	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1:16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams,D.D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3:8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4:2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16:19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis ...	Hon. A. H. Young.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.; Heb. 11:1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D.; Matt. 23:8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D.D.; Matt. 11:4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D.; Matt. 16:14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw,D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.; Isa. 50:4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery.	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1:21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D.D.; Jer. 32:8.
31	86	Minneapolis ...	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D.D.; I Tim. 1:19.
32	87	Fergus Falls...	Prof. Geo. Huntington...	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor.2:2
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D.D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2:15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D.D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5:13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D.D.; Rom. 1:15.
37	92	Minneapolis ...	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14:12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D.D...	Rev. L. L. West, D.D.; Mark 13:37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12:32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D.D.; Matt. 6:11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1:9.
42	97	Montevideo ...	Dean Horace Goodhue...	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24:36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8:19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith..	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10:21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D.D....	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19:10.
46	01	Minneapolis ...	Hon. D. P. Jones.....	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9; Num.23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls...	Rev. Alexander Milne....	Rev. Herman P. Fisher; Acts 13:2.
48	03	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D.D...	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller.....	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D.D.; 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Oehler.....	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins; Acts 1:14.
51	06	Minneapolis ...	Dean W. S. Pattee.....	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LL.D.; Luke 12:15.
52	07	New Ulm.....	Rev. Willis A. Warren...	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault	Walter N. Carroll.....	Rev. Alexander Milne; Hebs. 12:27.
54	09	Minneapolis ...	Rev. R. P. Herrick, D.D..	Rev. Harry P. Dewey, D.D.; John 1:14-16.
55	10	Crookston	Pres. Chas. W. Cooper..	Rev. Clement G. Clarke, D.D.; Luke 6:12.
56	11	Alexandria	Rev. John H. Albert.....	Pres. Donald J. Cowling, I John 4:8.
57	12	Northfield	Hon. David P. Jones....	Rev. Frank E. Knopf; John 5:19.
58	13	Minneapolis ...	Harry P. Dewey.....	Rev. Theophilus S. Devitt; Rom. 10:10.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe .....1856—1870
Rev. R. Hall .....1871—1875
Bro. W. Cheney .....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1882—1889

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901—1910
" Rev. M. B. Morris.....1910—

ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES

I. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Monticello, June 16, 1914.

REGISTRAR: George L. Treat.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Geo. L. Treat; Rev. W. J. Brown, Sauk Center; Deacon J. A. Norris, Sauk Center.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	236	Dea. Geo. L. Treat	
Big Lake	58	Albert J. Johnson	W. C. Scott (Lic.)
Burtrum	26	Mrs. J. M. Ward	H. T. Krausey
Cable	22	Mrs. M. Scherfenberg (a)	
Clarissa	11	Mrs. Eva Morey	James Carter
Clearwater	68	Mrs. Carrie M. Finch	Paul Winter
Culdrum (Swedish), Flemburg	27		J. Albert Peterson (c)
Glenwood	125	Mrs. Alice Grant	Alfred E. Secord (f)
Hasty, Clearwater	68		Paul Winter
Little Falls	214	Miss Sadie Fuller	Frank L. Atkinson
Little Falls (Swedish)	4	Catherine Kling	Albert J. Peterson (Lic.)
Monticello	88		Henry Holmes (d)
Orrock	...	Miss Grace Craig	
	...		
Pillsbury	...		H. T. Krausey (e)
Round Prairie	49	Howard F. Copp	Supplied
St. Cloud	95	Louis Olson	Ernest V. Bjorkland
Sauk Center	188	James A. Norris	W. J. Brown
Sauk Rapids	40	James Brown	Fred. Gray
Swanville	11		H. T. Krausey
Upsala	101	Gust Nelson	M. N. Wickholm
Villard	...		
Wondel Brook	35		S. Arquist, Rose Creek

(a) Bertha (b) Flemburg P. O. (c) Little Falls (d) Big Lake
(e) Burtrum (f) Alexandria

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Frank Atkinson, Clinton A. Billig, N. J. Boline, David Donovan, Fred Gray, Henry Holmes, H. T. Krausey, A. J. Moncal, David Y. Moore, George F. Morton, William H. Owen, Charles M. Stevens, Walter A. Snow, Alfred A. Secord, Paul Winter.

II. DULUTH CONFERENCE

ANNUAL MEETING: Aitkin, May 26-27, 1914.

MODERATOR: Rev. Geo. Phil Sheridan.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Geo. Phil Sheridan, Rev. H. R. Harris, Rev. C. W. Thorpe.

MEMBER STATE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE: Rev. H. R. Harris.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitkin	66	A. L. Hamilton	W. E. Hammond
Backus	16	Mrs. A. L. Miller	No Pastor
Biwabik	41	Dr. Chas. W. Bray	Harry R. Harris
Brainerd, First	120	Christian Bruyn	Geo. P. Sheridan
Brainerd, People's	26	Mr. E. H. Green	David T. Jenkins
Duluth, Pilgrim	430	Brewer Mattocks, Jr.	Charles N. Thorp
Duluth, West Plymouth	31	Roger M. Weaver	Paul S. Nweeya
Duluth, Fondulac, Hope	...	...	Paul S. Nweeya
Grand Marais	...	James G. Scott	No Pastor
Hackensack	...	Wm. E. Bodenhofer	No Pastor
Remer, Federal Dam	...	...	O. G. Mason
Walker	23	...	Geo. Michal

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Jeremiah Kimball, Geo. Michael, E. A. Mirick, Henry M. Pinkerton, James L. Jones, Harry R. Harris, Oscar Arvid Granholm, George Phil Sheridan, Charles N. Thorpe, Paul S. Nweeya.

III. MANKATO ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: May 12—Cambria.

MODERATOR: Thos. Hughes.

CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Thomas W. Barbour.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER: A. G. Young, Mapleton.

CHAIRMAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Thomas W. Barbour.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade	81	Mrs. F. Jefferson (aa)	Geo. E. Brown
Cambria, Salem	88	E. L. Harris (bb)	Wm. O. Jones
Center Chain	18	Miss Myra L. Shipman	None
Ceylon, Federated	18	Mrs. Henry Christensen	R. C. Jenkins
Edgerton	82	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	Geo. C. Lee (M. E.)
Ellsworth	20	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	Ellen P. Cox
Elmore	...	Clarence O'Hara	None
Fairmont	219	Allen Burdick	T. W. Barbour
Freeborn	71	Mrs. Abbey Olson (ee)	R. P. Upton
Freedom	10	George Geary	...
Granada	43	W. H. Gaugh	John Imlay
Kasota	48	Thure Johnson	Henry Nelson
Mankato, First	165	Mrs. Thomas Hughes	Edward Constant
Mankato, Second	64	Richard Sandell	C. I. Anderson
Mapleton	91	Mrs. L. W. Krueger	A. G. Young
Mattewan	31	Mrs. Ed. Weise (ee)	R. P. Upton (c)
New Richland	52	Mrs. C. A. Wagner	J. L. Jones
St. Clair	10	Miss Ada Fields	...
Sherburn	55	Mrs. F. B. Bellenhausen	W. J. Hoare
Waseca	120	Mr. W. A. Fetterberg	...
Worthington	81	Dea. George O. Moore	A. W. Ross

(a) Mankato, R. D. 6 (b) Northfield (c) Freeborn (d) New Ulm, R. D. 5

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Wilber Fisk, E. L. Heermance, Thomas L. Griffith, C. J. Gall, Haverlock, Ontario; Chas. L. Hill, Hinsdale, N. H.; Jahn E. Evans, Stoneville, S. D.; Geo. K. Carter, Newfane, Vt.; A. G. Young, Ellen P. Cox.

IV. MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Robbinsdale, May 5, 1914.
CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: J. E. Ball.
REGISTRAR: Ernest E. Day, 4033 Upton Ave. So., Minneapolis.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: H. K. Painter, James S. Elwell, S. H. Pond, Matt Evans, Ernest E. Day.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	175	Edward L. Curial	Matt Evans
Brownton	49	Mrs. John S. West	Mrs. W. T. Dawson
Elk River	140	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	Wilbur M. Evans
Excelsior	198	Miss Ella M. Stratton	A. M. Hanson
Fair Oaks, Anoka R. F. D. 4	6	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	.....
Gaylord	41	Warner Larson	W. H. Hill
Glencoe	172	L. W. Gilbert	Langdon W. Sowles
Groveland	22	Mrs. Ida C. Waters (a)	H. C. Payne
Hutchinson	149	Arthur W. Mergen	Charles L. Hill
Milaca	...	Mrs. Grace King	.....
Minnewashta	43	Clarence R. Empsy (b)	.....
Minneapolis—First	453	H. E. Blackburn	Henry Dieman
Plymouth	1138	Seavey M. Bailey	Harry P. Dewey
Park Avenue	734	G. W. Teitsworth	.....
Pilgrim	602	E. C. Scarborough	John P. Miller
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New Brighton	...	Shirley W. Reasoner	.....
Princeton	141	Miss Anna Sadley	James O. Fisher
Sandstone	9	August Walden	.....
Silver Lake	114	Josef Uherka	Edmund Wibitzky
Spencer Brook, Oxlip	43	A. Dunder, Isanti R. D. 2	H. Martin Olson (bb)
Stewart	18	Mrs. Laura Eynon	Mrs. W. G. Dawson
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ANNUAL MEETING: Dawson, June. Chairman Business Committee, Rev. James Roscoe.

REGISTRAR: Rev. F. S. Wheeler, Appleton.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, Benson; F. C. Robbins, Benson.

CHURCHES	NO. MEMS.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
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Belview	15	Mrs. Ina Adsit.....	Supplied.
Benson	107	Miss Emma Benson.....	Squire Heath.
Campbell	60	Miss Agnes Giddings....	.....
Correll	14	Mrs. Jessie Hudson.....	F. S. Wheeler.
Dawson	85	John W. Dale.....	Supplied.
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Graceville	15	Mrs. C. S. Pierce.....	H. P. Long.
Granite Falls	37	Miss Carrie D. Barnes..	Supplied.
Hancock	86	Mrs. A. F. McArthur...	.....
Madison	139	Sever T. Nordgarden...	J. H. Slaney.
Marietta	47	Mrs. A. C. Miller.....	B. L. Richardson.
Montevideo	139	Andrew M. Parks.....	Walter M. Swann.
Morris	95	D. T. Wheaton.....	J. E. Parker.
Nassau	16	Mrs. H. S. Bragg.....	B. L. Richardson.
Ortonville	...	Ralph Burton.....	.....
Seaforth	...	No Services.....	.....
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VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION

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REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews, Ada.

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Aldrich Bertha	25	Mrs. Hattie Ham (a)	E. E. Lindsley.
Audubon	...	...	No Services.
Argyle	56	B. S. Buckingham	A. M. Asadoorian.
Bagley	29	L. I. Robinson	Samuel H. Hekin.
Barnesville	69	Walter A. Lindquist	Andrew Erickson.
Beard Oberg	23	Mrs. Emma Haney	Geo. F. Morton.
Bertha	18	Dea. H. O. Legro	E. E. Lindsley.
Callaway	...	...	...
Cass Lake	48	L. M. Lange	...
Crookston	102	H. L. Marsh	Paul B. Albert.
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Felton	8	Mrs. O. Jones	...
Fergus Falls	66	Mrs. N. F. Field	...
Fertile	10	G. J. DeMars	...
Frontenac, Schoolcraft	11	...	No Services.
Fosston	...	...	...
Glyndon	56	Mrs. W. Shave	Frederick Stillwell (stu.)
Hawley	80	Dea. Adna Colburn	Francis Wrigley.
Kragness	28	G. K. Gunderson (b)	Fred A. Stever.
Lake Park	27	Miss Ellen Smith	No. Services.
Maple Bay	7	Mrs. L. A. Hunter	No. Services.
Mahnomen	15	Mrs. Henry Birkett	Anders O. Kvass.
McIntosh	...	Mrs. N. Yetterberg	W. W. Dale.
Mentor	...	...	W. W. Dale.
Moorhead	185	Mrs. Fred Stalley	Henry A. Kernen.
New York Mills	5	Mrs. Cora Lisk	Edwin E. Lindsley.
Nymore	...	Mrs. Dan Biladeau	No Services.
Ogema S.	...	...	...
Park Rapids	29	Wm. Henry Gimblett	Wm. H. Gimblett.
Pelican Rapids	59	Mrs. J. Lightbody	T. A. Hawkes.
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Staples	73	Miss Lucy A. Barrett	D. T. Jenkins.
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VII. RAINY RIVER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Baudette, August, 1914.
MODERATOR: Rev. T. W. Howard.
REGISTRAR: Rev. F. D. White.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. T. W. Howard and Rev. F. D. White.

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Birchdale	30	.....	Rev. Thomas W. Howard.
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Cedar Spur	11	.....	Walter B. Beach (Lic.).
International Falls, Bethlehem	12	Albert E. Anderson	Rev. E. L. Heermance.

VIII. ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Plymouth Church, St. Paul, May 19-20, 1914.
MODERATOR: Rev. William J. Robb.
REGISTRAR: Rev. O. C. Clark.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Moderator and Registrar ex-officio.

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Cannon Falls, Swedish	35	John J. Carlson	Frank G. Haggquist.
Cottage Grove	60	John P. Furber	Herbert J. Taylor.
Faribault	443	Prof. J. J. Dow	Lewis F. John.
Lake City—First	226	Mrs. Chas. E. Dutcher	Wm. C. A. Wallar.
Lake City—Second	45	Charles Benson	J. Martin Peterson.
Lakeland	9	Miss Anna Rockstroh	A. D. Maes.
Marine Mills	...	Percy Empson	No Services.
North Branch	14	Thomas J. Horton	Fed. J. E. Schuler (Lic.)
Northfield	613	Mrs. Carrie E. Ellis	Edwin B. Dean.
St. Paul—Plymouth	400	Howard L. Collins	Parley P. Womer.
Pacific	178	Roy B. Million	E. H. Meyers.
Atlantic	269	Herbert D. Chapman	William J. Robb.
St. Anthony Park	163	Henry L. Hunter	Geo. W. Davis.
Immanuel	...	.....	Wilbur N. Payne.
Bethany	105	Edward Hyde	.....
Olivet, Merriam Park	356	Wm. R. Nicoll	.....
South Park	41	Mrs. Maurice Noul	Maurice B. Morris.
Peoples	625	Leonard A. Straight	Samuel G. Smith.*
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Hazel Park	...	.....	Supplied.
People's German	85	August Luedeman	Emil L. F. Warkentien.
Cyril	44	Miss Josephine Strand	Charles J. Treka.
Forest St.	69	.....	Supplied.
Stillwater	...	George Kruger	.....
Sunrise	...	.....	No Services.
Wabasha	142	C. H. Robinson	.....

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IX. SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Charles, May 14-15, 1914.

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Dexter	36	Mrs. S. J. Emery	John A. Hughes.
Dodge Center	75	Miss Anna E. Stockman	Colin Bain.
Grand Meadow	59	Dr. E. J. Van Bronhhorst	John A. Hughes.
Lyle	62	William Nordland	Samuel Johnson.
Mantorville	95	Mrs. Geo. H. Parker	A. C. Woodcock.
Mazeppa	...	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	.....
Medford	68	Daniel A. McKinley	Supplied by Students.
Morristown	39	Mrs. W. B. Adams	Herbert E. Chapman.
Owatonna	277	Dr. R. F. Weeks	Alfred E. Gregory.
Plainview	105	Bernhart E. Rohweder	Henry C. Todd.
Rochester	285	Robert Hall	Manders Barrett.
Rose Creek	21	Mrs. C. V. Lynde	James B. Thompson.
Spring Valley	177	Dea. W. L. Kellogg	John Hayes Barnett.
St. Charles	79	Albert F. Kuebler	W. Walter Blair.
Stewartville	85	Mrs. James E. Brown	John J. Hales.
Taopi	10	Alonzo Jay (a)	James B. Thompson.
Waterville	35	Mrs. R. C. St. Germaine	Herbert E. Chapman.
Winona, First	416	Mr. Geo. Baumgartner	Theophilus S. Devitt.
Lakeside, Scandinavian	...	Rasmus Nelson	Rev. C. Kieldgard.
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ANNUAL MEETING: Winthrop, June 9-11, 1914.

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Garvin	69	Wm. P. Jones	J. P. Varner.
Lake Benton	35	Amos Porter	
Arco	...	Mrs. James Adolphsen	
Lamberton	58	A. A. McLeland	W. B. Godsall.
Marshall	186	Miss Frances Harrington	Wm. A. Bockoven.
New Ulm	76	Herman Held	Edward F. Wheeler.
Selma, Comfrey	29	Wilbur Crandall	O. M. Snyder.
Sleepy Eye	109	Miss Mary A. Palmer	Cecil S. Sparks.
Springfield	37	Mrs. Mary P. Rowe	O. M. Snyder.
Tyler	19	L. A. Warming	
Walnut Grove	62	Fred Schaur	W. B. Godsall.
Winthrop	95	John W. Merhof	Orville A. Barnes.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

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SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR BOOK

These will be sent to the churches not later than the last week in December, and should be returned, WITH EVERY QUESTION ANSWERED, by the clerk or pastor, EARLY IN JANUARY, 1915.

The Association of October, 1909, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the reports from the churches of this State for the Year Book, in order to secure publication, must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 1st of February each year, and that notice of this action be sent to every church each year with the schedule.

NOTICE!

Mr. E. W. Decker, President of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, was elected, at the 1913 Conference Meeting, Treasurer of the Apportionment Fund of the Minnesota Congregational Churches, in place of Rev. H. E. Chapman, of Waterville.

All remittances for this fund should therefore be made to Mr. Decker at the above address.

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Time—First Tuesday in October, 1915

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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield; Rev. W. Walter Blain, St. Charles; Lewis Leighton, Minneapolis.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Rev. E. E. Day, Minneapolis, *two years;* Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City, *one year;* Rev. W. N. Payne, St. Paul, *three years.*

FINANCE AND PRINTING—Walter N. Carroll, Minneapolis, *three years;* L. L. Dodge, Minneapolis, *two years;* Samuel E. Kellermann, *one year.*

VISITOR TO CHICAGO SEMINARY—Rev. A. C. Bacon, Minneapolis

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COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE—Rev. G. P. Sheridan, Brainerd; Edward M. Conant, Minneapolis; Rev. F. D. White, Baudette; G. L. Treat, Alexandria; Rev. W. A. Bockman, Marshall; Rev. R. H. Batty, Detroit; Rev. W. J. Robb, St. Paul; Rev. A. E. Gregory, Austin; Rev. O. A Barnes, Winthrop; Rev. A. W. Ross, Worthington.

APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE—D. P. Jones, Minneapolis, Chairman, and the Chairman of the Committee of each local Association.

CORPORATE MEMBER OF AMERICAN BOARD—The one whose term expires.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE BAPTIST, METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN STATE BODIES—Superintendent Everett Lesher.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS—Pastor of Entertaining Church, with power to name his assistants. Rev. Wm. E. Griffith is pastor.

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INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION—Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul; Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City.

STATE ADVISORY BOARD—Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis; Rev. L. F. John, Faribault; Rev. P. B. Albert, Crookston.

TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCE—E. W. Decker, Minneapolis.

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Worthington—Rev. A. W. Ross.

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Lake City—Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Mrs. W. C. A. Wallar.
Northfield—Rev. E. B. Dean.
St. Paul—Atlantic, Rev. W. J. Robb; *Pacific*, Mrs. S. Cochran; *South Park*, Rev. M. B. Morris, Mrs. M. B. Morris; *Immanuel*, Rev. Wilbur N. Payne; *Staples and Peoples, Brainerd*, Rev. T. D. Jenkins; *Olivet*, Rev. Geo. M. Miller, Mr. Chas. J. Hunt, Mrs. Chas. J. Hunt.

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Medford—Rev. P. R. Mueller.
Owatonna—Rev. Chas. A. Stroup, Mrs. Chas. A. Stroup, Mr. J. A. Sawyer, Mrs. J. A. Sawyer.
St. Charles—Rev. W. Walter Blair.
Winona—Rev. T. S. Devitt, Mrs. J. S. Garford.

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Marshall—Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Mrs. W. A. Bockoven.
New Ulm—Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Mr. G. A. Ottomeyer.
Winthrop—Rev. O. A. Barnes.

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Detroit—Rev. W. L. Sutherland.
Marshall—Rev. W. J. Conrad.
Northfield—Rev. Donald J. Cowling.
St. Paul—Rev. Everett Lesher.
Minnesota Valley—Rev. James E. Parker.
Minneapolis—Rev. C. B. Fellows.

VISITORS.

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Mrs. W. L. Sutherland, Detroit.
Rev. John Imlay, Granada.
Mr. A. D. Albert, Minneapolis.
Rev. Geo. P. Safford, Minneapolis.
Rev. F. M. Sheldon, Boston.
Totals—Delegates, 116; Ministerial Members, 6; Visitors, 11.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY.

The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota was called to order by the Moderator, Hon. Lowell E. Jepson, of Minneapolis, in the Wadena Church on Tuesday, October 6th, at 2:30 p. m.

After the hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," the first devotional address was given by Rev. Theo. M. Shipherd, Plymouth Church, Milwaukee, Wis. The scripture basis was verses from Matthew 9 and Luke 10. The topic was "The Need of Our Own Day Regarding Laborers." After prayers by Lesher and Dean, one verse was sung of "Take Time to be Holy."

Upon motion Rev. W. W. Dale, of Mackintosh, was chosen Assistant Scribe; the Moderator appointed as tellers Rev. O. A. Barnes, Winthrop, and G. A. Ottomeyer, New Ulm, and the following Nominating Committee: Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona, Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis, and L. C. Weeks, Detroit.

The Business Committee reported the printed program, which was adopted.

The pastor of the entertaining church reported for the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator's address was upon the theme, "The Mission of the Church."

The report of the treasurer of the conference, with the signature of the auditor affixed, was presented and adopted. The resignation of the secretary-treasurer was presented and by vote accepted. The report of the Committee on Finance and Printing was presented by its chairman. It was adopted, including the recommendation of an assessment for 1915 of 7 cents per member. The chairman of the Advisory Board presented its report, which was adopted. The report of the Treasurer of Benevolences was read by the Assistant Scribe and adopted. The report of the Auditor was called for, but not presented. At 4:40 p. m. adjournment was taken by vote to 7 p. m.

The adjourned business session was convened at 7 p. m.

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following committees were chosen:

Committee on Resolutions.—Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield; Rev. W. Walter Blair, St. Charles; Lewis Leighton, Minneapolis.

Committee on Credentials.—Rev. W. M. Swann, Montevideo; Rev. W. J. Conard, Marshall; Rev. E. E. Day, Minneapolis.

Committee on Place and Preacher.—Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Detroit; Rev. W. J. Robb, St. Paul; J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna.

The report of the Interdenominational Commission was presented by Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul, and it was adopted, its recommendations being (1) That this conference choose a Fraternal Delegate to the State Bodies of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches and invite similar representatives to address the next meeting of this conference; (2) That representatives of this conference be continued upon this Commission.

Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield, secretary of the Committee on Organization and Unification, announced that an opportunity would be given for free discussion of its printed Preliminary Report, Wednesday a. m. at 8 o'clock.

The Committee on Carleton College reported through its chairman. This was by vote received and the question of its adoption was made a Special Order for 11:30 a. m. Wednesday.

The report of the Committee on Preservation of Historical Matter was read for the chairman by Rev. R. P. Herrick, Minneapolis, and upon vote received and placed on file.

Report from the Visitor to Chicago Seminary was called for, but none was presented.

After a brief recess the regular evening session was opened with the hymn, "Sun of My Soul," followed by reading of Matthew 5 by Rev. L. A. Lippitt, Detroit. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Hammond, Aitkin, and the anthem, "Still, Still With Thee," sung by the Wadena Church quartet.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. C. N. Thorp, Duluth, on the theme, "Larger Religious Freedom," the text being a part of Matthew 5:17.

The hymn, "I Am Coming to the Cross," brought us to the Communion, presided over by Rev. A. C. Bacon, Minneapolis, and Rev. E. L. Heermance, International Falls. The helpers were J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; L. C. Weeks, Detroit; Eugene Boss, Wadena; and James Robb, Wadena.

The annual offering for the Board of Ministerial Relief was $105.40.

With Benediction pronounced by Rev. M. B. Morris, St. Paul, the conference adjourned at 9:10 p. m.

WEDNESDAY.

The morning session of the second day of the conference was called to order at 8:35 o'clock by the Moderator. The hymn, "There Shall be Showers of Blessing," was sung. The second devotional address by Rev. Mr. Shipherd was given on the topic, "The Lord's Provision for the Preparation of the Messengers," based upon verses in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Prayer was offered by Parker and Jepson.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved. A partial roll of members present was read by the Assistant Scribe.

A full hour was given to the Committee on Organization and Unification presided over by its chairman and its report read by the secretary.

At 10:30 o'clock a five minute intermission was taken. Then followed the Sunday School session, in charge of Supt. R. P. Herrick, of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, who presented a paper entitled "The Big Opportunity of the Church; Its Sunday School Work." He was followed by Rev. H. W. Tuttle, State Superintendent of Sunday School Work in Iowa, whose topic was "The Big Teaching Task." The report of the Sunday School Committee was presented by the chairman. A. M. Locker, Secretary of the Minnesota State Sunday School Association, spoke greetings. Rev. W. L. Sutherland, superintendent in northern Minnesota for the Home Missionary and Sunday School Societies, was called upon, but did not present an address. Mr. A. M. Burch, Minneapolis, spoke on "The Relation of the Sunday School to the King's World-wide Work." Prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. Stickney, superintendent in North Dakota, for the Sunday School and Home Missionary Work.

Before adjournment the report of the Committee on Carleton College was adopted, adding the words "if necessary" to the recommendation and by vote the whole matter of the balance due on the $50,000 pledge by the conference, made at the Alexandria meeting, was recommitted to the Committee of last year regarding co-operation with the trustees of Carleton College.

By a more than two-thirds vote, the nomination of a secretary-treasurer was referred to the Nominating Committee.

A motion regarding the equalization of delegates' expenses was presented and referred to the Business Committee. Adjournment was taken to 1:30.

At 1:45 p. m. the conference reconvened. The secretary of the Committee on Organization and Unification conducted further conference on the report of the committee. The hymn, "We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps," was sung. At 2:10 p. m., the third devotional address of Rev. Mr. Shipherd was given. The scripture basis was verses in Matthew 10, Mark 13, and Luke 21, and the topic, "Dangers of the Mission." Day led in prayer and at 2:40 o'clock motion to adjourn was passed.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society was called to order by the Moderator of the conference, who requested the president of the Missionary Society to act as Assistant Moderator and preside.

It was voted that the Scribes and Nominating Committee of the conference serve the Missionary Society.

The treasurer's report, in the absence of the treasurer, was presented in printed form by Superintendent Lesher, with the auditor's approval affixed, and the report was adopted.

Rev. L. O. Baird, Chicago, representing the National Council Commission on Missions, spoke regarding the present imperative necessity for a

definite and aggressive action regarding increased benevolences and a plan was referred to the Business Committee of the conference to report back.

By vote, upon recommendation of the auditor, the fiscal year was made August 31 to August 31.

The report of Superintendent Lesher was presented in the form of an address upon "The Growing Task." The motion was carried that the report be accepted and placed on file and also that the Society go on record as declaring that $20,000 is a reasonable goal.

Addresses were given by Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Marshall, on "Congregationalism in Southern Minnesota," and by Rev. Frank D. White, Baudette, on "Our Missionary Problem and Opportunity in Northern Minnesota."

Upon motion the Scribe was instructed to cast the ballot, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, for A. J. Peterson, Dawson, G. L. Treat, Alexandria, E. S. Slater, Minneapolis, and Rev. E. L. Heermance, International Falls, to serve as directors for three years. The ballot was cast. Adjournment was taken at 4:40 p. m., a ten minute extension of time having been voted.

The evening session opened with the Organ Call to Worship, followed by the processional hymn, "Abide With Me." Philippians 2 was the Scripture read by Rev. O. A. Barnes, Winthrop, and Rev. W. J. Brown, Mora, led in prayer. The anthem, "Praise the Lord, O My Soul," by the Wadena Church choir, preceded an address by Rev. L. O. Baird, district secretary of the American Missionary Association, Chicago, on "The Indians," and one by Mr. Allen D. Albert, Minneapolis, on "The Spiritual Significance of the Go-to-Church Movement." The congregation stood and sang one verse of America and Rev. G. B. Safford, superintendent of the Minnesota Anti-Saloon League, spoke on "News From the Temperance War-Front." After one verse of "Work, For the Night is Coming," prayer was offered by Rev. H. P. Dewey, Minneapolis, and the conference adjourned at 9:55 p. m.

THURSDAY.

At 8:40 Thursday morning the conference was called to order by the Moderator. The hymn "True-hearted, Whole-hearted," was sung. Rev. Mr. Shipherd led in prayer and gave his fourth devotional address upon the topic "The Messenger's Strength." The Scripture used was Matthew 10:24-33 and Luke 12:2-9. At the close of the address J. P. Miller led in prayer.

The report of the College Commission was presented by its chairman, and after the presentation of the report of the Visitor to Windom, and considerable discussion, the motion was carried that the report of the College Commission be accepted and placed on file and that we thank the members of the Commission for services rendered.

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following appointments were made:

Business Committee—Rev. E. E. Day, Minneapolis, two years; Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City, one year; Rev. W. N. Payne, St. Paul, three years.

Finance and Printing—Walter N. Carroll, Minneapolis, three years.

Visitor to Chicago Seminary—Rev. A. C. Bacon, Minneapolis.

Delegates to Triennial Convention, Chicago Seminary, May, 1915.—Rev. A. A. Secord, Glenwood; Rev. H. P. Harris, Biwabik; H. F. Blomquist, Mankato; Rev. P. A. Sharpe, Minneapolis; E. T. Critchett, Minneapolis; A. P. Stacy, Minneapolis; Rev. H. P. Long, Graceville; Rev. H. Symons, Ada; Rev. F. D. White, Baudette; Rev. L. F. John, Faribault; A. J. Nason, St. Paul; D. J. Cowling, Northfield; Rev. W. Walter Blair, St. Charles; Rev. E. F. Wheeler, New Ulm; Rev. A. M. Hanson, Excelsior; T. H. Colwell, Minneapolis.

Committee on Carleton College—Rev. G. P. Sheridan, Brainerd; Edward M. Conant, Minneapolis; Rev. F. D. White, Baudette; G. L. Treat, Alexandria; Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Marshall; Rev. R. H. Batty, Detroit; Rev. W. J. Robb, St. Paul; Rev. A. E. Gregory, Austin; Rev. O. A. Barnes, Winthrop; Rev. A. W. Ross, Worthington.

Fraternal Delegate to the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian State Bodies.—Superintendent Everett Lesher.

Committee of Arrangements.—Pastor of the Entertaining Church, with power to name his assistants.

Members on State Board of Ministerial Relief.—Harlan P. Roberts, Minneapolis; Rev. M. B. Morris, St. Paul.

Committee on Sunday School Work.—Rev. E. A. Drake, Minneapolis; Rev. G. M. Miller, St. Paul; A. M. Burch, Minneapolis.

Preservation of Historical Matter.—Warren Upham, St. Paul; Rev. E. M. Williams, Northfield; Rev. M. B. Morris, St. Paul.

Interdenominational Commission.—Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul; Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City.

State Advisory Board.—Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis; Rev. L. F. John, Faribault; Rev. P. B. Albert, Crookston.

Treasurer of Benevolences.—E. W. Decker, Minneapolis.

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Also upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Rev. H. K. Painter, Minneapolis, was nominated for secretary-treasurer for the term of three years. Upon motion the Scribe was instructed to cast the ballot of the conference for this nomination. The ballot was cast.

At the request of Rev. G. M. Miller, St. Paul, and by common consent, he was excused from presenting his address on "Church Publicity."

The report of the treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Relief was given and by vote accepted.

At the request of the chairman of the Committee on Organization and Unification, the conference informally indicated its preference for the last week in September as the time for the annual meeting of the State Conference. The following notice of amendment was given:

Wadena, Minn., October 8, 1914.

We hereby give notice that at the next annual meeting of this conference, the constitution prepared and now offered by your committee will be presented in the form of an amendment to the present constitution.

C. J. HUNT,
E. B. DEAN,
H. T. EDDY,
E. E. DAY,
C. M. WAY.

It was voted that the report of the above committee be received, and that we approve its submission, as suggested by the foregoing notice.

At 11:45 Rev. F. L. Hayes, Chicago, Western Representative of our National Board of Ministerial Relief, spoke on "The Annuity Plan." Upon motion the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That we approve the plans of the Congregational Society for Ministerial Relief presented by Rev. Mr. Hayes in the establishment of a system of annuity for the aged and disabled ministry and that we extend to Mr. Hayes our hearty encouragement in the important work that he is doing."

The Business Committee reported the following:

Resolved that Minnesota endorses the Middle West Movement for greater Congregational Efficiency and the Every Church Visitation.

Resolved that a State-wide movement be arranged for January 17-31, 1915, and that a Committee of Five, consisting of the Chairman of the Apportionment Committee, as Chairman, one other member of the Apportionment Committee, two members of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society and its Superintendent, be appointed to work out the details of the movement and enlist the ministers and laymen of the State for the necessary teams.

Adoption was voted.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported Waseca and Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis, and its Report was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee made its Report, which was adopted, consisting of the following Resolutions:

1. Whereas the State of Minnesota has set apart a room in its Capitol for the Preservaion of Historical Matter concerning the Churches of the State.

Be it resolved that we consider it advisable that each Congregational Church in Minnesota contribute from time to time all matters which may be of importance for future reference in the Archives.

2. Whereas, by our invitation there has come to us from the ardent tasks of his own Church and field, Rev. Theodore M. Shipherd, of Plymouth Church, Milwaukee, Wis., to conduct the opening Devotional Hours of our Sessions,

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the General Congregational Confer-

ence of Minnesota in State meeting assembled, record our deep appreciation for the wholesome and helpful messages he has brought to us and the Christ-like devotional spirit in which he has led us.

3. Whereas our brother Rev. Maurice B. Morris, after five years of service as Secretary and Treasurer of this Conference, has resigned from his office.

Therefore be it resolved, that we place on record our high appreciation of his honest, faithful, untiring service, day and night, for Minnesota Congregationalism; that we express our sincere hope that his long life of service for the Master may be much longer extended; that we assure him that we shall miss his kindly presence in official capacity; that he has our heart-felt gratitude for his interest and efforts in the past and our best wishes and prayers for the future happiness and welfare of himself and the companion of his life.

4. Whereas our beloved and honored brother, Cyrus Northrop, has recently entered upon his eighty-first year, the State Congregational Conference sends to him its affectionate salutations. It would assure him that it feels pride and gratitude in his distinguished service in high administrative office as the honored head of the University of the State; in his singularly fruitful work as the revered leader, guide and comrade of youth; in his staunch loyalty and large usefulness as citizen and patriot; in his noble championship of the cause of righteousness, brotherhood and peace; and in his unfaltering devotion to the most exalted conceptions of both public and private duty. As it gathers in the Annual Conclave, to the interest and profit of which he has so often contributed by the wisdom of his counsel, the eloquence of his voice and the graciousness and magnetism of his presence, the Conference is especially appreciative of his long and faithful and helpful connection with the Congregational Fellowship, of his zealous and effective support of the local, national and world-wide enterprises of the Congregational Churches, and of his unshaken, devout and buoyant Christian faith, the unifying and crowning virtue in his consistent and influential life. We pray that he may be spared yet many years in health, and vigor, and that upon him and upon her, who has companied with him in love and fidelity for fifty-two years, the continued favors of heaven may rest.

5. Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the cordial and generous hospitality extended us by the people of Wadena, for the enjoyment of their homes, the beautiful Church Edifice in which we have been privileged to hold our sessions, and the pleasant ride by automobiles afforded us throughout their city and its environs. We would especially recognize with thankfulness the careful and thorough arrangements made for our comfort by the Pastor of the Church, Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, and the loyal people of Wadena.

At 1:40 p. m. The Moderator convened the Conference. The hymn "I am thine, O Lord" was sung. Rev. Mr. Shipherd presented his final Devotional Address on the topic: "Rewards for the Messenger." The Scrip-

ture basis was Matthew 10:41-42 and Mark 9:33ff., and closed the hour with prayer.

Mrs. L. E. Jepson, Minneapolis, spoke on the Woman's Board of the Interior.

At 2:40 p. m. Mr. D. P. Jones, Minneapolis, presented as Chairman the Report of the Apportionment Committee. The motion was adopted declaring that the Committee on Apportionment be empowered to determine this year the percentages and be instructed next year to present a schedule to the Conference.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary be instructed to inform in writing within two weeks all persons chosen to Committees or Offices.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, Rev. F. M. Sheldon, new Secretary of the Education Society, spoke five minutes.

The following Resolution regarding "Congregational Minnesota" was adopted:

In "Congregational Minnesota" a most admirable and efficient organ for the spread of information concerning the work of the Churches, the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society and the Woman's Boards, both Home and Foreign, has been secured. It brings a breezy monthly message of cheer, inspiration, opportunity and need to the Churches. Information is fundamental to intelligent and earnest support of the work the Churches are doing. In order that this monthly periodical may fulfil the large function for which it is capable, in order that its continued existence may be assured; therefore, be it resolved that this Conference not only endorses this paper but that it urge upon the Churches and Pastors an adequate support and that our Pastors be requested to frequently, from the pulpits, urge their people to inform themselves as to its contents.

The Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Church Property was read by the Assistant Scribe and adopted.

By motion the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that in anticipation of the adoption one year hence of the new Constitution, substantially as reported by the Committee, we request the District Associations, through our Secretary, to nominate during the coming year the members of the State Directorate to which they will be entitled.

Motion was adopted that this Conference take Membership in the Minnesota Peace Society.

The Committee on Credentials was called upon for a Report, but as no matters had been referred to it, there was no Report to present.

Rev. E. L. Heermance, International Falls, withdrew his last year's Notice of Amendment to the Constitution.

The following Resolution regarding Equalization of the Expenses of Delegates was adopted:

1. That the Plan of an Equalization Fund be approved and recommended for the Conference Meetings.

2. That the Churches be asked to take a Collection for such Fund on the second Sunday preceding the Conference.

3. That the Secretary send to each Clerk, each Treasurer, and each Minister a Postal Card Notice of this action one month before the date for taking the collection, and a second notice to each minister during the week preceeding the date for the collection.

4. That the expense of notification be deducted from the Fund before it is used for Equalization.

5. That contributing Churches only participate.

6. That the Fund be divided by a Committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator to work out a practical plan, which shall provide for payment to each delegate the difference between the least amount the Fund will allow and the total railway expense incurred by that delegate. In case the fund shall more than pay railway expenses the balance shall be carried over to the succeeding year.

7. That the money received by the Treasurer this year for this purpose is hereby put into a Reserve Fund for next year.

By vote the Secretary was authorized to receive after adjournment the Auditor's Approval to the Report of the Treasurer of Benevolences.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield; Assistant Moderator, Rev. F. D. White, Baudette; Scribe, Rev. George Plumer Merrill, Minneapolis; Auditor, Lewis Leighton, Minneapolis.

The minutes were read, and as corrected, approved. The Scribe was authorized to complete them.

After prayer by Messrs. Herrick, White, Payne, Sawyer and Lesher and Mrs. Jepson, the motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried, and at 5:30 p. m. the Conference stood adjourned.

LOWELL E. JEPSON, Moderator,
GEORGE PLUMER MERRILL, Scribe.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Every religious gathering, whether local, state, or national, is characterized by the intellectual or the spiritual. By reflection upon our part we find, almost without exception, that the meetings which we have attended in years gone by, which have influenced and inspired and moulded our lives, are those which were the most profoundly spiritual.

At the beginning of the first meeting of the business committee of our State Association, it was unanimously agreed that the deeply spiritual should predominate throughout the entire program, for it was felt that the great need of the Congregational churches of Minnesota was, and now is, the need of a spiritual awakening.

While we fully understand the necessity of adapting ourselves, our Christianity, and our work, to modern conditions, and are also in full sympathy with all that is best in modern thought and scientific investigation as applied to our Christianity, yet we must beware lest we substitute modern thought and method for the vital fundamentals which have been the living force and the inspiration of the Christian religion during all the centuries.

We are living in a crisis period of the world's history. No thoughtful person will deny that the present hour in the church and state is fraught with greater interest to the world than has been any previous hour in human history. Whether we turn to religious or secular matters, the revolutionary character of the time is emphatically marked. Change and uncertainty everywhere appear. Old beliefs are subject to re-examination, old economic systems are discarded, thinkers are distrustful of our present social order, and toilers are dissatisfied. In every respect the present is a transitional period. It is characterized by great restlessness and discontent, and by a want of confidence between man and man—between nation and nation.

The newspaper, the political party, the so-called higher classes with their wealth and position, are no longer the sole ruling forces. The common people are beginning to feel and to assert their power among the great forces that move society and sway the future. Society is not only undergoing the change resulting from the slow processes of evolution, but is passing through the throes of revolution. It is undoubtedly a time of peril, peril to every interest, material, moral and spiritual; but it is also a time of unequalled opportunity and possibility. Never was there an hour when such an inviting field has expanded before us. The blind and staggering multitude are seeking a guide.

This restless longing of the people, both rich and poor, learned and ignorant, can be met and supplied only by the church of the living Christ, and never was the responsibility of the church greater than it is today in the fulfillment of its functions. While prophetic voices are sounding throughout the land, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand," the church is today called upon to go forward. All the cries of the restless, discontented, oppressed, overtaxed, burdened and warring peoples of the earth are sum-

moning the church, our church, your church, and my church, to arise out of her slumber, and to let her light so shine as to put into actual practice the spirit of the Golden Rule, that the whole earth may behold the Divine Light.

Surely there is at this time an awakening and a quickening of conscience, an intensity of thought and feeling and purpose that the church can and must utilize, and if she meets the demand of the hour, God will give her most unparalleled victory.

What then is the mission of the church and its membership in meeting the issues of this crisis which is now upon us? What are some of the fundamentals for which she must stand?

One mission of the church is to represent Christ in the world. The church is in the world as Christ's representative. She is to stand not alone for traditionalism, not for conventionalism, nor for pomp, nor powers, nor customs. She is to be the champion of no order, no class, no guild, no institution. She is to stand forever and firmly as Christ's true representative, exhibiting His spirit and acting as He would act if He were in the world today. The church must in real earnest pity as He would pity, and serve as He would serve.

Another mission of the church is to evangelize the world. Her one supreme calling is to be missionary in spirit and in act. A non-missionary church is simply a contradiction. What happier sight can be seen than a church that is carrying a personal gospel, a gospel of pardon and salvation, to every member of the human race. In prosecuting this work she must undertake to reach all classes and every individual of every class. That conception of church work which aims to save one class but avoids or excludes other classes is to that extent un-Christian. In the Kingdom of God there are no high walls of caste. There are none too poor, none too rich, none too ignorant, none too learned, to be reached, to be influenced by the church, and this leads us to the assertion that the church must take care to adapt her methods to all classes. She must not only undertake to reach all classes but she must actually succeed in saving all classes. If success is not attained, well may she ask most seriously the reason why. Truly there is no "submerged tenth," no "inflated four hundred" that are beyond the power of the church to influence and to save. A missionary church will improve every opportunity of humble service at home or abroad, reaching to the highest social circles, and also to the bottom of the social strata, and with the exercise of this spirit of humble self-sacrificing service, she will take to herself increasing strength.

Again, the church must be a teacher. In order that the church may assure her permanency and fulfill her function, she must be a teaching church. She must seek to develop in her individual membership a type of Christian character in conformity with Christ's teachings. In certain periods and places the church has made sad failures, by failing to perform her teaching function. Nominal converts have been made by the thousands

and even by the millions, who were at the time, and were permitted to remain, ignorant of the first principles of Christian discipleship. Within her fold have been multitudes having so small a conception of the fundamental principles of Christianity that what fragments they had were of little benefit either to them or to the world. The lack of wise, constructive teaching upon the part of the church will inevitably result in a diluted and adulterated Christianity. The church of today should place special emphasis upon the teaching function in the pulpit, the Sunday School, and the study of God's word.

We must admit that true Christianity, the essence of Christianity, in the twentieth century differs very little from that of the first century of the Christian era. What we wish to correct is the conception upon the part of some that Christianity has so greatly changed that it has lost its characteristic features, and that we ought not to expect the same vital, inspiring, strengthening and regenerating force that was so apparent in the beginning.

Christianity should adapt itself to the demands of advancing civilization, and the church should not hesitate to adopt these new methods made necessary by a change of conditions, but adaptation is not adulteration. The adoption of new methods and new interpretations does not in the least imply the abandonment of the essentials. What was formerly done in the home and the school is now falling very largely to the function of the church and in an increasingly large measure upon the Sunday School, which most urgently demands the best consecrated talent and energy of the church.

Another, and to me the most important and the most imperative mission of the church, is the formation of strong, rugged, Christian character among her membership. As all important as are these other requirements, the character of the individual member is first and fundamentally important. Character in the original means, to cut deep into, to engrave upon. Character is the sum total of the influences and choices of life. Character is what a man really is. It is his reserve strength in time of stress and temptation. It is what men behold and admire in him, and that which inspires them to desire the better things of life.

The fountain cannot rise higher than its source. The church is simply the sum total of its membership, and unless the individual members are fed by His word, inspired by His spirit, and prepared for efficient, self-sacrificing service, then the church cannot fulfill its function, for it cannot give more than it possesses.

We will all admit that the religion of our fathers did produce certain strong, rock-ribbed Christian characters, who stood for righteousness and accomplished much for the Kingdom. While they placed greater stress upon certain theological doctrine and restriction of manner of enjoyment than we in our greater freedom of today believe necessary, and while they left undone many things which the church is now doing for humanity and

the kingdom, yet we are most surely lacking in some of their strongest virtues. If it was only possible for us today in some way to more fully secure and combine the virtues of our fathers and the strength of character they possessed with our present broad Christian charity, our love of humanity, our realization that all men are brethren, and our missionary zeal, then by our modern methods the church would most surely make more rapid advancement both at home and abroad.

Let us call to mind some of the things which contributed so largely to the strength of character of our fathers. One of these was the observance of the Sabbath, and the attendant family life, and while we would not advocate the same rules and restrictions which they practiced, yet we are sadly deficient in keeping the Lord's Day in that manner that we believe would be most pleasing to our Master and most helpful to our own spiritual growth, and sadly deficient in observing some of the things which made them strong. In the proper observance of the Sabbath, there is great reward both to the individual and the church. The former restrictions in the keeping of the Sabbath had their compensations, for the time not spent in the church was spent in the home where all members of the family and the household were brought very closely together. The younger children were told the Bible stories, and the older ones committed to memory portions of the scripture, and they were then and there brought into closer love and fellowship than at any other time or place. It is the remembrance of these Sabbath days and the lessons we were taught by father and mother in the old home that influences and holds us in after and active life. Even until I was a good sized boy, my mother would take me in her lap Sunday afternoons and tell me Bible stories. She talked about the love of God and the way of salvation and urged me to be a pure boy. Then she would sing hymns, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Rock of Ages," until I fell asleep in her lap. We always knelt at her knee and she taught us boys to pray.

When I graduated at Carleton College we were living on a farm in southern Minnesota. After remaining at home a few days, I was ready to leave for Minneapolis. My trunk was in the wagon. I had kissed father and mother and the other members of the family good-bye, and then my father followed me out to the wagon, held me by the hand, and with tears in his eyes said to me, "Your mother has taught you to pray, and I have tried to teach you to be honest. Now you are going to the big city—do not let any alloy of deception enter into your life," and how many times amid the activities, the stress and temptations of life, these words have come to me most audibly and helpfully.

Near the close of a three weeks' contest in our state some years ago for a seat in the United States Senate, a contest which was one of the most strenuous that has ever taken place in Minnesota, during which time few of the participants ever knew when it was either day or night, and when all kinds of methods were employed and money was freely spent,

one of the candidates, then within but three or four votes of election, was alone in the room with your moderator at two o'clock at night. Another roll was to be called the next morning. That man walked the floor back and forth—a great man physically, mentally, and spiritually—and great tears fell freely upon the lapel of his coat as he said aloud, "My dear old mother in New England knows all about this contest and she is praying for me now, not only for my success, but that I may not yield to temptation, and that I may win honestly. No, I will not consent to the payment of bribe—no, not for the attainment of my life's ambition—no, not for a seat in the United States Senate. I will live as mother taught me to live." The next day he lost, in the final roll-call, by the few proffered votes. That man was our honored and lamented Robert Evans, so prominent in state and national politics for so many years, and whose memory remains with us as a strong influence for good throughout the whole state.

Another thing which contributed to strength of character in the olden days was the almost universal custom of family worship. While it is not necessary to read a whole chapter regardless of its length or place in the Bible, or to make the prayer as long as was formerly indulged in, yet the everyday reading of God's word at the family altar, and the prayer which accompanies it, are surely fundamentals of a Christian home.

My earliest remembrance of family worship was in my grandmother's home. During the latter part of the war, when my father was in the army, my mother and I went to live with my grandmother on a farm. The event of the day was family worship after breakfast, and every morning in the year, regardless of harvest time or other outside circumstances, a whole chapter was read, and then grandmother prayed, and when she prayed she talked with God. How well do I remember her praying that her children and her children's children, even unto the third and fourth generations might be Christian men and women. The influence of a character such as was hers, is shown by the fact that when the youngest of her ten children was fifty years old, all ten were living, and all were members of the Methodist church.

You will all remember John Carmichel and his mother's sermon in the Bonnie Brier Bush, how his mother told him upon her deathbed, "Ye'll no forget me, John, and I'll ne'er forget you. I've loved ye here and I'll love ye yonder. If God calls ye to the ministry, ye'll no refuse, an' the first day ye preach in yir ain kirk, speak a gude word for Jesus Christ; an' John, I'll hear ye that day, though ye'll no see me, and I'll be satisfied." Then you remember how, five years later after he had passed through the schools and had been called to the kirk in Drumtochty, after he had prepared his great theological sermon, it all came back to him, "Speak a gude word for Jesus Christ, John." He destroyed his carefully prepared address and preached to those folks the simple message, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." And afterwards you remember that Margaret Howe told him,

"Yir mither has heard every word, and is satisfied, and yon was yir mither's sermon."

Now, if the church of today is to be Christ's representative, is to be a missionary force, is to be a constructive teacher, and is to produce strong Christian character, if she is to be a vital, inspirational, regenerative force of the future, as she has been so emphatically in the past, then we of the church of today must get our inspiration, our growth, our preparation, our strength of character, from the same and original source as that of our fathers.

Notwithstanding all else besides, we must admit that it is the so-called old-time religion which holds and influences us, and which gives us strength of character and inspiration to meet the new and varied problems of the present age. Modern faith and methods and preaching are not doing the work. It seems imperative that we go back to the faith, to the personal conviction, to the teachings, to the preaching and to the living of our fathers; in brief, we must go back to fundamental principles if we are to stem the tide and to save the multitudes. This must be done that the church may fulfill her mission, the great mission of establishing the kingdom of our Lord throughout the world.

—LOWELL E. JEPSON.

THE GROWING TASK.

Everett Lesher, General Superintendent.

Every business enterprise is conducted for profit. No business man is satisfied unless he finds from year to year a substantial gain on his investments. Should the same motive impel us in the work of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ? In the parable of the talents and elsewhere Jesus emphasized the significant fact that the building up of his kingdom in this world should be conducted in a business-like way. Interest on investment is the end sought. The church is beginning to see the necessity and wisdom of conducting the Lord's business that way. The commission which the church received from her Lord on the day of His ascension is appalling in its greatness. I wonder that the little flock He had gathered around Him was not staggered into despair by its immensity. Face to face with the mighty world movements, the commotions and clashings and strife of men, of our time in our own and other lands, we are, today, overwhelmingly impressed with the difficulties and significance of that gigantic task. No ordinary enthusiasm, no indifferent program, no lazy, hap-hazard method of finance will ever accomplish it. It calls for the wisest, most business-like, most statesman-like, most Christ-like spirit and program. In a sense it is a great business enterprise and profit and increase to the kingdom are as necessary in the spiritual sense as interest on money loaned at the bank.

RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS.

We must look after the "returns" on the investments we make in the Kingdom. The Congregational churches of Minnesota have been investing money in the missionary enterprise of the state conducted through the M. C. M. S. You have a right as representatives of the churches and therefore stockholders in this Society to know what your money has accomplished.

There are certain visible results which may be recounted. Spiritual results are impossible of tabulation on any material basis. We can never know, at least now, the gracious impulses that have come to multitudes of hearts through the instrumentalities of this Society.

The Societies' Workers.

It is a mere matter of words and figures to say that forty-three persons have been employed by the Society during the past year. So far as figures are concerned, in this instance they are not impressive. So far as consecrated personality is concerned, we can never measure the far-reaching and cumulative influences of these earnest workers. The deeper spiritual significance of their labors can only be chronicled in the ageless book of life.

The thirty-nine persons who have been on the field as pastors, either for the whole or part of the conference year, have cared for more than 100 churches and stations. In a few instances but one church is served by the missionary pastor. In the large majority of instances two or three or even

as many as five and six stations are cared for by the same man, requiring many miles of travel both by rail and by forest trail in all kinds of weather and exposed to the hardships incident to pioneer life.

I cannot here give in detail an account of the services of our general workers, but I can bear witness to the worth of our very efficient and indefatigable co-worker in the northern field, Rev. W. L. Sutherland, to the loyal and faithful work of our General Missionary in southwestern Minnesota, Rev. W. J. Conard, and to the wise and helpful efforts of Rev. Edward Constant, of Mankato, who is able to render occasional services in the Mankato Association as he has time to spare from his own difficult field. For myself, there is rarely a Sunday when I am not speaking in some one of our churches directly or indirectly in the interests of our work. Many week-day engagements and conferences are held for the same purpose. I have also given several special addresses during the year on week days, attended two conferences on evangelism, twenty committee meetings, seven associations, assisted in laying the cornerstones of two churches and in the dedication of seven others. These and other duties, with the heavy correspondence and general oversight of the office have given me a year of strenuous and I trust, profitable service.

Additions to Churches.

I do not know how many additions have been made to our churches during this last conference year. I am fully persuaded, from the many reports that have reached me, that our churches generally have had larger accessions than for some years past. This is due in no small measure to the simultaneous campaign of pastoral evangelism inaugurated in January and which culminated very appropriately with the large and enthusiastic ingatherings at Easter-tide. About forty pastors volunteered in this campaign and as many churches participated in the special effort. For our missionary churches I can give you more definite figures. Four hundred and ten souls, or about one-fifth of the entire membership of these churches, have been added during the year, two-thirds of whom were received on confession of faith. These same missionary churches, with a total membership of 2,235, represent, together with the various stations, a Sunday school enrollment of 3,250. This is a record which should encourage our hearts. No other group of our churches is doing so well in building up its membership as our Home Missionary churches.

Pastoral Supply.

It seems to be a part of the administrative order of the Society to bring pastorless churches and churchless pastors together. It is no easy task to keep the churches supplied with pastors. Because it is not always easy to bring the right man and the right church together. A good man will not fit into every church. To know the man and to know the need of each particular church wanting a pastor requires a knowledge that often necessitates

much correspondence and frequently a personal visit and conference with the church. Then again churches are more particular with regard to ministerial qualifications. It is a good thing for a church to be particular about the man whom it calls to be its spiritual guide but this particular tendency may often be carried to the extreme. On the other hand ministers seeking churches are often just as farticular in their desires. I profoundly believe in the autonomy of the local church and in the good old orthodox Congregationalism of church rights, but if there is one thing for which I have sometimes longed during the last eighteen months it is for the power to say to one "go" and to another "stay"; to this church "keep what you have" and to another "take what is offered." How simple, effective and immediate seems the process of autocracy and how slow, difficult and complex often seems the process of democracy. Yet once knowing the stimulating and co-operative spirit of democracy who would exchange the fellowship of the uncannonized saints for an ecclesiastical czarship.

Finally it is an exceptionally difficult matter to secure pastors for churches offering but from $700 to $800 salary. When churches may be grouped in circuits the difficulty is minimized.

The Acceptance of the Apportionment Plan.

The Apportionment Plan has been more generally accepted during this last year than previously. The element of time must always be considered in the acceptance of any new method and it has taken time to get this plan under way. In season and out of season the representatives of this Society have urged and encouraged the use of this plan as the most efficient method yet devised for raising our benevolences. These efforts together with the work done by the State Committee on apportionment and especially the efficient service of the secretary of this committee, Rev. Geo. P. Merrill, have begun to bear the desired fruitage and we may, in reason, expect that the majority of our churches will soon be raising their benevolences on the basis of this plan.

The W. H. M. U.

The splendid loyalty of the W. H. M. U. is a fact to encourage and inspire our hearts. Minnesota Home Missions must suffer incalculable loss without the co-operation of this Society. They have contributed to the cause of Home Missions in Minnesota during this conference year, the sum of $2,624.62.

The Board of Directors.

As evident returns on the investments represented in our Missionary Society I wish to speak in terms of high appreciation of the faithful and efficient work rendered by the Directors of this Spciety. Their work is a purely unselfish one. Four times a year these men and the two women who are members of this Board, meet in the office of the Society for conference and business. Their time is freely given. Often this involves personal in-

convenience and expense. They are the strong backers of the Society not only in their prayers and council but in material substance to a larger extent than is generally known. The Society is fortunate in its directors.

The visible returns on our investments in the state work, the large accessions to our churches, the spirit of get-togetherness, the gifts of the people to the cause we represent, the business-like methods of the apportionment plan which have already begun to bear fruit, the generally high standing of our pastors, the enthusiasm that pervades our mission fields in view of the opportunities and needs everywhere seen, the self-sacrificing devotion of the men at the front, the new fields opened and others waiting for the sowing and the reaping, all conspire to encourage our hearts and to send us forth to our labors with the assurance that our labors are not in vain in the Lord.

The tints of morning are in the sky. A new day is advancing and with it not a new task but a growing task—a task that presents the same problems, the same needs and the same opportunities as last year, but a task that requires a greater outlay of resources than we have ever before made. Briefly I wish to present to you a comprehensive view of this growing task.

THE CHANGING MINNESOTA.

We are living in a new Minnesota compared with the old Minnesota—a Minnesota as large, as resourceful and as attractive as the old Minnesota was a generation ago, a Minnesota that is moving forward by leaps and bounds. Our frontiers today, from the very nature of the case, respond more slowly to the magic touch of progress than the frontiers of the older Minnesota. Forests must be cleared away before the soil can be cultivated and this is a slow and difficult process.

The New Minnesota.

But the frontiers are surely changing. The indescribable fascination of the new Minnesota, in those portions of the state where the soil is adapted to agriculture, is disappearing under the hand of the lumberman and the pioneer farmer. All through the magnificent north country settlers are gathering, communities are forming, society is organizing, relations are being established, institutions are springing up. We need more men, fearless, intrepid, stalwart men, who will take the trail along the lines of settlement and sow the seeds of truth in the virgin soil. This is the only way to insure a precious harvest. Foundations must be laid and now is the time to lay them. We have such an opportunity today in northern Minnesota as will never come to any other generation.

The Old Minnesota.

Not only are we impressed with the new Minnesota of the north, but the older Minnesota of the south in many ways has all the appearance of a rejuvenation. There are new problems and new peoples, there is a new

spirit and a new method in the older Minnesota. Throughout the great southern half of the state, so rich in agricultural resources there is everywhere seen a renaissance of country life. The effect of this renaissance appears in the growing interest in agriculture. Agricultural experts sent out by our system of schools are employed to teach scientific methods of farming. Prizes for farm products are offered in which the boys and girls are encouraged to compete, and county and local fairs are adorned and enriched by the fruits of their painstaking labors. Land is rapidly rising in value because it is found that nothing pays better then intelligent farming. Organizations for social betterment in rural communities are rapidly forming, schools are being consolidated in the interests of economy and better education, country homes are made more beautiful and comfortable, and rural life generally has been made pleasant and attractive. Economically, socially and educationally southern Minnesota is on the eve of a great advance. Religiously we are not keeping pace with this general development. The English speaking Protestant church is passing through a critical period, due largely to the instability or flux of our rural population. People of foreign speech and training, in hundreds of instances, are gradually crowding out the English speaking peoples. So far as language, customs and spirit are concerned this is only a temporary handicap, for the children of these people soon become thoroughly Americanized. Religiously, the problem is more difficult, for the development of religious thought and life must contend with deep-seated, inherited prejudices that yield slowly and reluctantly and only after severe mental and spiritual struggle. Many of our English speaking Protestant churches in these communities are bravely facing the new conditions and are reasonably successful in meeting them. Others are dwindling in membership and dying out but as a rule this is only in those communities where there are two or more such churches. The only hope of change for the better in such communities is to consolidate these various denominational churches into a single organization. All over the state we are consolidating our schools. Why not consolidate our churches? If the problem of the rural community is efficiently met there must come ecclesiastical changes to keep pace with the economic, social and educational changes that are making the older Minnesota a new Minnesota today.

Fully half of our mission churches are in the southern half of the state. Most of these churches are well located and have a field which, though difficult, is quite distinctively their own. There is every reason to believe in their present and continued usefulness. They should be cared for until they are strong enough to care for themselves. But with thousands of unchurched people in this state, an ecclesiastical organization, by whatever name it may be called, in an overchurched community, should not be magnified at the expense of the Kingdom. It is a startling, tragic fact, to know that out of a population of 2,075,718, in our state only about 350,000 are in the Sunday school. This fact alone should stimulate the most hearty co-

operation among the English speaking Protestant denominations that these multitudes may be quickly reached by the saving ministry of the church. The denominations must work together to this end, not in competition but in co-operation. The great concern of all the churches should be, all the people for Jesus Christ. As Congregationalists we have ever believed and practiced this spirit of Christian unity, often to our own disadvantage as a denomination. An important feature of our mission today is to seek the advancement of this spirit in the entire church of Jesus Christ, for only by such co-operation can the church meet and solve the difficult problems that confront it.

Economically, socially and educationally, Minnesota is making swift advancement. As necessary as are these forces in the development of human society, unsanctified and unguided by the spirit of Christianity they may produce purely pagan results. Man cannot live by bread alone neither by a social nor by an educational program. These forces do not touch the inner spiritual life and until the ruling center of man's life is reached and influenced, neither the product of his brain nor of his hands will make for permanent happiness.

There are two opposing forces in our midst today, paganism and Christianity. One produces a lifeless and gilded secularism with its class distinctions and endless strifes. The other a Christian civilization. The easy philosophy that teaches that man can live without God and worship because he is educated or rich is more destructive to human brotherhood and happiness than many of the coarse and vulgar sins that debauch society, for it chloroforms the conscience and deadens the nerve of spiritual life. The supreme need of man, whether as individuals or as communities and states, is Jesus Christ and him we must bring to those who are in need of spiritual life and guidance. There are multitudes of such souls in Minnesota. We talk about the heathen abroad; we have them here in Minnesota. We talk about the moral darkness and spiritual ignorance of pagan lands; we have it all here in Minnesota and to every earnest, thoughtful Christian this state of things seems intolerable because the church is here in our midst and the dreadful contrast is ever before us. To awaken the increasing multitudes coming into Minnesota and throughout the nation to a sense of their spiritual need, to bring to them the saving gospel is the task, the growing task that confronts us. It is a task which makes for human weal, for Christian, patriotic citizenship, more than armies and navies, more than material wealth, more than public schools, more than legislatures and congresses. Can you conceive what the state, the nation would be like if every church and Sunday school went out of business? Is there any task more Christ-like and necessary to the progress of civilization than the task of making men Christian in spirit and practice? As Congregationalists we have our share in this work and it is no small share. Congregationalism is peculiarly well adapted to this task.

It has a saving gospel message for every heart and endeavors to em-

phasize in practice the things it believes. It seeks for all institutions of human making Christian character and spirit and has ever led in the struggle for brotherhood and the reign of peace on earth. Its flexible and catholic spirit, its respect for the individual conscience, its genius for fellowship, its love of democracy, give it a unique place as a sectarian dissolvent, as a unifier of the diverse religious forces that mingle in every community. It believes in Christian democracy and is therefore well fitted to spiritualize democracy, to champion religious freedom and to bring to men the simple message of the saving power of Jesus. It stands for no theological monopoly, no autocratic church, no perpetuation of ancient controversy. Congregationalism in Minnesota has never had a finer opportunity to put to the test its simplicity and catholicity of creed and its principles of representative government than at this present moment.

Men and women today are wearied with theological hair splitting. They are no longer interested in a speculative faith. They are crying out for elemental religion. They are hating autocracy and are hungering for brotherhood. They are longing for the kernel of life unsatisfied with the gilded shell. They are impatient of the passing show and are demanding the substantial and permanent. The mission of Congregationalism, just so far as it has opportunity, is to give a satisfactory response to this passion for reality, this hunger for democracy and brotherhood which characterizes the longings of so many hearts today. Statesmanship, Christianity, love of mankind, common sense, the traditions of the Pilgrims, all point us to our plain duty —an intelligent, heart-reaching, soul-saving, unifying gospel for the multitudes at our very doors.

AN EFFICIENT PROGRAM.

The burning question that awaits solution is how can this task be accomplished? It cannot accomplish itself. We must accomplish it. It is our task. There is nobody else to do our work. This is a self-evident truth but we are often careless and indifferent about it. We meet from year to year and we hear the story, with variations, which I have again related to you.

Our hearts are more or less stirred by it and we say we must do better. And we have been doing better, but we have not been doing our best. The greatness of our task demands our best. From our state meetings we go back to our churches and the local work is so pressing and the demands so numerous that we become quite exclusively absorbed in them. Our enthusiasm for the broader work suffers more or less, and the obsession seems to prevail that the Missionary Society will attend to this work anyway. The Missionary Society is simply the instrument of the churches. It cannot accomplish the task that confronts us, it cannot enlarge its usefulness, unless the churches furnish the revenue to do it.

At the scheduled meeting last November, when the budget for the year

was practically determined, the directors were confident that this revenue would be forthcoming and the appropriations were made to the various churches and missionary fields accordingly. The full amount of money needed to meet these promises may yet come in before the calendar year closes. But to meet the obligations as they have matured the Board has been compelled to borrow $4,000. We are owing in appropriations due the first of this month approximately $800. To meet all obligations in appropriations and loans, which will mature by January first, we shall need about $7,000. For this closing conference year the receipts for home missions in Minnesota, not including loans and balance on hand October 1st, 1913, is $12,610.53. This is $1,021.02 more than was given for the same purpose last year. This is encouraging and I do not underate the significance of this increase. To gain over $1,000 in one year means that we are beginning to see the need and to respond to it. It means that we are well able to increase our offerings to this Society to an amount sufficient to do the work outlined. It means that we are face front to the battle and are marching on to victory. But let us not be weary in well doing for we are not yet doing as well as we ought. A moment's thoughtful reflection will convince the most sanguine.

Twelve thousand six hundred ten dollars and fifty-three cents means that we gave this last year a fraction over fifty-five cents per member for work in our beloved state. Now, brethren, can we not do better than that? Is fifty-five cents per member the measure of our interest in the coming of Christ's Kingdom in this great commonwealth outside of our own local church? Is fifty-five cents per member the measure of our sense of stewardship? Fifty-five cents—every one of them precious. Yet how many times fifty-five cents do we spend on needless things during the year? A theater ticket costs twice or three times as much. There are a hundred indulgences which we might easily deny ourselves and life would be none the poorer.

Every Congregationalist possesses the inalienable right to distribute his benevolences as he will. Last year our Congregational people exercised this right and turned $13,364 of their benevolences into undenominational work. This much at least is reported in the year book. It may be the right and proper thing for them to do this, but when I remember that Minnesota Congregationalists contributed last year approximately only one penny **a week** per member to the work of this Society which, as Congregationalists, we are morally bound to support, and when I remember that last year these same people contributed $13,364.00 or $550.00 more than they gave to Home Missions—to undenominational enterprises which carry with them no such responsibility—when I remember these things I ask myself where is the wisdom and loyalty of our people, that our own work should be thus ignored and neglected and given second place in their affections. There are many needs that appeal to us, each one of which might well enlist our sympathy. But is there any demand of human need more insistent and fundamental than to acquaint sinful souls with the Saviour

of men—than to bring the church and the Sunday school to those who are destitute of this ministry.

Can we ever do our part in the fulfillment of the great commission by disloyalty to the societies which we have created as the means by which and through which we are to accomplish it? Let our sympathies be with every heart in distress whatever may be its nature, but let us remember that the most efficient service is that which organizes and concentrates. Let us give, if so minded, to undenominational causes, but let us first, in the full measure of our responsibility, provide for those who are especially committed to our love and care.

No Congregationalist in ordinary circumstances can discharge his denominational responsibility, his responsibility to Jesus and to those for whom Jesus suffered with a gift of fifty-five cents annually to the cause of Christian work as represented by this Society. We should have one dollar per capita annually from our Congregational constituency. At least we should have $20,000 a year to do the work that we ought to do. Is it too much to ask that we contribute just two cents a week per member to Home Missions in Minnesota. Two cents a week per member—is that too much? Is there not two cents worth of something that we might deny ourselves of once every week for the sake of our dear Lord and the people in Minnesota for whom He suffered? Twenty thousand dollars from 22,643 church members, not counting the thousands of church attendants who cheerfully give to this cause whenever they are asked—is that too much to ask?

Go into northern Minnesota and watch the panorama of life and progress unfolding on every side. Go into southern Minnesota and see the transformations taking place. Look into our cities, the storm centers of conflicting elements, the theater where life is staged in thrilling pathos, tragedy and burlesque and then ask the question is $20,000 enough to bring these restless, feverish multitudes to Jesus? Ask our hard-working pastors striving earnestly to impress the spirit and ideals of an intelligent, spiritual faith upon the incoming multitudes in the older sections of the state, if $20,000 is enough? Ask the men at the front who are struggling with the problem—who are bravely making in the wilderness a highway for the Prince of Peace, if $20,000 is enough?

Shall we follow the trails blazed by our young pioneers, Beach at Cedar Spur and along the Rapid River, Downing at Cook with a string of towns clear to the northern border, and other faithful men at the front—shall we follow their trails bringing the Christian church with its healing ministry to communities now destitute, as we have followed the trail of that intrepid pioneer, Howard, along the Rainy River?

What a great field is before us. To the north and to the south, to the east and to the west, it stretches away ripe unto the harvest. We have often sung the familiar lines:

Lord of harvest send forth reapers,
Send them now to Thee, we cry.
Send them now the sheaves to gather -
Ere the harvest time passes by.

But He cannot send them forth without our co-operation. "Christ alone can save the world, but Christ cannot save the world alone." Else why did He say, "Go ye into all the world." How shall we send forth reapers? I answer by furnishing the means with which to send them. By producing the $20,000 necessary to keep them on the field as they sow and reap the precious grain. How shall this $20,000 be provided? The plan or program is as follows:

The Apportionment Plan.

First, there is the Apportionment Plan.

The adoption of this Apportionment Plan and its thorough, faithful working would solve this question in a very large degree. It is not necessary for me to explain the Apportionment Plan to this audience. I only need to say that it involves the every member canvass, the weekly offering and the quarterly remittance.

It has been proved again and again that the church that faithfully uses this method will make a success of the Apportionment Plan and will be able to do a larger and more satisfactory work for the Kingdom than by any other program. But this program, strange to say, has been adopted by only part of our churches and is not as successful in many of them as it ought to be. After all is done by the state committee in apportioning Minnesota's share in the world-wide work of the Kingdom to the various associations, after all is done by the fellowship committees of the various associations in apportioning the share in the world's work to the local churches, then there remains the task of the benevolence committees of the various churches to make the every member canvass which is the most important part of the whole program. It is entirely in the hands of the benevolence committee **and the pastor** to make this plan a success.

No one is more responsible in leading his church to an intelligent appreciation of the needs of our benevolent societies than the pastor. The pastor is the key man in the successful working out of this program. It is his duty as the leader of his people to keep his church informed along all missionary and benevolent lines. He must not wait for others to lead. He, himself, must lead even though he does not secure the response which be may desire. And while it is not always easy to arouse a church indifferent to the world-wide needs of the Kingdom, while there are often found in our churches men and women who are strangely opposed to the cause of missions abroad and others who set themselves squarely in the path of anything new, whether in the development of religious thought or in methods of finance as related to the church; after all these things are taken into consideration, the pastor who fails to be a voice crying out in the wilderness of indifferentism and spiritual apathy, who fails to prepare the way

for the coming of the King in far away India, Turkey or Japan, who fails to make known repeatedly and insistently the religious destitution of the unchurched communities at our very doors—after all has been said, the pastor who fails to reasonably consider the cause of benevolences, who is himself indifferent to the great commission of our crucified, risen Saviour, is guilty of neglect of duty and has ignored his greatest opportunity for service.

I know the problems of a hard worked pastor. I know the difficulty of carrying through a new program and I have plead for missions when I did not know but what the church would cut down my own salary to send to the heathen; but I was willing to take the desperate chance and abide by the consequences. My salary never was cut and I have more than once had the joy of knowing that the gifts for benevolences were materially increased.

The Apportionment Plan cannot work itself. You cannot say "We will adopt the Apportionment Plan" and then do nothing to work it expecting your benevolences to be increased. It must be worked and worked faithfully. No better plan was ever devised. It was conceived by the wisest, strongest leadership in the denomination. Why do we not fall into line, then, and go forward? Why do we seek an appointive, representative leadership if we do not intend to follow? We take pride in the fact that representative government had its birth in Congregational ideals.

We send out representatives to Congress to outline policies, frame laws and institute political and economic programs for us to follow. And we fall in line and march forward. Every three years we have sent our representatives as churches to the National Congregational Congress or Council, instructing them, as our appointed leaders, to lay plans for the Kingdom as related to our fellowship. Then, when, after mature thought and the seeking of divine guidance, they send the result of their prayerful deliberations back to the churches in the form of an up-to-the-minute business-like program, we accept it if we feel like it and reject it if we don't and the whole thing, thus conceived, is a sort of burlesque on efficient team work, without which, the best results can never be obtained. We can accomplish splendid results if as churches we all pull together. And when the need is so great, for the love of our Master and the people for whom He suffered, let us pull together and pull hard.

Individual Gifts.

But the apportionment plan is not the entire program which I wish to outline here today. If this plan were fully worked and in every instance the full apportionment were raised, our state society would receive, according to the percentage of the state apportionment committee, not including the gifts of the W. H. M. U., $15,000. Provided this amount were raised it would go a long way in meeting the needs, but it is not sufficient to adequately meet the needs. It will be a long time before every church meets

its full apportionment. What shall be done in the meantime? There is only one thing to do. Secure funds from other sources. We should have at least $5,000 more than we can reasonably expect will come through the regular channels of the church. In our splendid constituency in Minnesota there are an increasing number of men and women of large resources who can, if so minded, make special gifts to the work in amounts from $25 to $500 and even more annually. One of our directors guarantees the support of a missionary himself. We pray that our heavenly Father may graciously remember him for his unselfish work. Nearly every director of this society is making a special and substantial offering to our work. I appeal today to the men and women of our churches whom God has blessed above the average, to remember our state work in an annual offering in addition to what they give through the regular channel of their own church.

This, then, is the program set to the growing task. The apportionment plan for all and individual gifts from the especially favored, in addition to their share of their own church apportionment. It is not a new program, but one that has never yet been faithfully and enthusiastically worked. Let us here unitedly determine that this program **shall** be worked. Let us here resolve that the Lord's business shall be our business and that it shall be conducted in a business-like way.

When we consider what the church is, the message it is to bear to lost men, its access to the throne of grace, its opportunities, its intelligence, its wealth; and when we consider the glorious results that might be achieved if its latent power were but brought into service, if its potentiality were made actuality, if its membership were enlisted with enthusiasm in the execution of the program outlined, when we consider all this, how can we fail to be impressed with an impelling sense of responsibility both as individuals and as churches.

Our hearts are appalled at the gigantic and frightful war that today holds Europe in convulsive struggle. We are horrified to hear the rulers of these warring nations calling upon God to bless their arms that they may have power to annihilate the enemy, ignoring the fact that these enemies against whom they array themselves, are children of our Father Who art in heaven, also. Not since the dawn of history have nations seemed more determined to destroy each other. When the armies of the czar were headed toward Berlin a few weeks ago he gave utterance to one of the coldest-blooded, most diabolical boasts that ever fell from human lips. "I am resolved to go to Berlin itself," he said, "even if it costs me my last Muzhik"—or peasant.

As though men were but coins which he might fling away on his ambitions and lusts at his own autocratic pleasure. Oh the horrors, oh the unmeasured suffering and anguish, oh the unrequitted loss in men and treasure that follow in the wake of this frightful war. Yet the patriotism of these nations is appealed to again and again to furnish the means of carrying on this satanic butchery. "We ask of the country," said the chief

magistrate of one of these blood-drenched lands, "all the resources that it can furnish in men and energy. Be firm then and resolute. Face to the frontier. We have the method and the will. We shall have the victory."

That appeal fired the hearts of his countrymen and they poured forth their treasure, and well nigh the last remnant of the manhood of that land, down to its old men, down to its boys in their teens, rushed to the front under the impulse of patriotic devotion and threw themselves upon the blood-red altar of war.

I appeal today to the men and women of our Minnesota churches for resources, not to destroy men, but to save them; not to tear and mangle and crush human hearts, but to heal and comfort and love and help them; not to carry on a prolonged and wasting, wanton war that destroys the strong manhood of warring nations, that eats up treasure by the billions and drives the angel of peace, wailing out the anguished story, back to the heavenly host who sang of old the Saviour's birth to the wondering shepherds of the hills; but to unfetter the forces that make for human brotherhood—that make for peace on earth and good will toward men. Face, then, to the frontier. We have the method. In the spirit of Calvary's cross we shall have the victory.

MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER, J. M. McBRIDE

For the Conference Year October 1, 1913, to September 30, 1914

Note 1. In the tabulated receipts given below, attention is called to the manner of listing contributions from Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and individuals. These contributions are grouped in the third column, but the particular sources from which they come are indicated immediately following the name of the church with which they are associated.

Note 2. The apportionment given in the fifth column is for Minnesota missions for the year 1914. This is the percentage, designated by the State Apportionment Committee, of the full apportionment made to the churches, to be given to the state work.

ASSOCIATIONS.	*Churches.*	*W. H. M. U.*	*Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies*	*Total*	*Apportioment for State Work.*
Central					
Alexandria	$307.00	$41.35	.....	$348.35	$217.50
Big Lake	.....	4.30	.....	4.30	24.00
Burtrum	14.50	.....	.....	14.50	9.00
Cable	.....	1.90	.....	1.90	3.00
Clarissa	.....	1.65		1.65	3.00
Clearwater	22.00	2.58	.....	24.58	27.00
Culdrum (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Glenwood	20.00	22.26	.....	42.26	75.00
Hasty	.....	1.72	.....	1.72	15.00
Holdingford (Slavic)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Falls	.....	.....	.....	.....	112.50
Little Falls (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Monticello	10.33	2.15	.....	12.48	30.00
Long Prairie	.....	1.75	.....	1.75	.....
Orrock	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50
Pillsbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Round Prairie	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
St. Cloud (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.50
Sauk Centre	.....	5.75	.....	5.75	102.00
Sauk Rapids	8.50	1.17	.....	9.67	22.50
Swanville	4.77	.....	.....	4.77	7.50
Upsala	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00
Villard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wondel Brook	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Individual	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....
	$387.10	$87.58	.....	$474.68	.....

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total.	Apportionment for State Work.
Duluth					
Aitkin	.....	.....	.....	.....	$24.00
Backus	.60	.....	.....	.60	3.00
Biwabik	25.00	6.57	.....	31.57	24.00
Brainerd, First	.....	.84	.....	.....	49.50
Brainerd, Peoples	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Duluth, Pilgrim	496.28	85.72	.....	582.00	480.00
Duluth, Plymouth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duluth, Fond du Lac	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	3.00
Federal Dam	6.00	.....	.....	6.00	1.80
Grand Marais	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Hackensack	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Remer	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.80
Walker	.....	.95	.....	.95	3.00
	$569.85	$94.08	.....	$663.93	.....
Mankato					
Belgrade	$2.50	.....	.....	$2.50	$9.00
Cambria	8.15	.....	.....	8.15	12.00
Center Chain	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50
Ceylon	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.80
Edgerton	3.60	3.70	.....	7.30	18.00
Ellsworth	15.30	3.75	.....	18.05	7.50
Fairmont	27.19	14.84	.....	42.03	60.00
Freeborn	4.96	9.25	.....	14.21	34.50
Freedom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Granada	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Kanaranzi	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Kasota (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.80
Mankato, First C. E., $5.00	16.96	4.45	5.00	26.41	52.50
Mankato (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Mapleton	21.17	2.85	.....	24.02	24.00
Mattewan	.....	1.61	.....	1.61	7.50
New Richland	.....	13.50	.....	13.50	15.60
Pemberton	4.00	.....	.....	4.00	5.40
St. Clair	7.00	.....	.....	7.00	3.00
Sherburne	.....	1.55	.....	1.55	12.30
Waseca	12.08	6.78	.....	18.86	52.50
Worthington	69.25	12.90	.....	82.15	30.00
	$192.16	$75.18	$5.00	$272.34	.....
Minneapolis					
Anoka	$10.92	$6.68	.....	$17.60	$41.10
Brownton	4.65	2.12	.....	6.77	9.30
Deephaven	9.25	.....	.....	9.25	.....

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total.	Apportionment for State Work.
Minneapolis—Continued					
Elk River	.....	5.16	.....	5.16	46.50
Excelsior S. S., $8.00; C. E., $5.00	47.51	9.86	13.00	70.37	60.00
Fair Oaks	.....	3.25	.....	3.25	1.50
Gaylord	15.00	5.37	.....	20.37	15.00
Glencoe	16.50	17.20	.....	33.70	44.10
Groveland	29.21	2.15	.....	31.36	15.00
Hutchinson	30.00	19.30	.....	49.30	52.50
Milaca	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnewashta	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Minneapolis, Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Minneapolis, Como Ave.	104.34	21.36	.....	125.70	159.00
Minneapolis, Edina Mills	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.80
Minneapolis, Fifth Ave.	174.00	114.38	.....	288.38	402.00
Minneapolis, First	209.57	90.61	.....	300.18	450.00
Minneapolis, Fremont Ave.	115.01	20.31	.....	135.32	150.00
Minneapolis, Forest Heights	118.75	23.19	.....	141.94	90.00
Minneapolis, Hartwell	7.02	.....	.....	7.02	.....
Minneapolis, Linden Hills	145.50	50.33	.....	195.83	180.00
Minneapolis, Lowry Hill	104.28	13.27	.....	117.55	630.00
Minneapolis, Lyndale S. S., $15.00	71.70	58.66	15.00	145.36	450.00
Minneapolis, Lynnhurst	46.63	3.87	.....	50.50	60.00
Minneapolis, Minnehaha	2.74	.55	.....	3.29	3.60
Minneapolis, Mizpah	.....	1.50	.....	1.50	4.80
Minneapolis, Morningside	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.90
Minneapolis, Oak Park	24.79	.....	.....	24.79	.....
Minneapolis, Open Door	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minneapolis, Park Ave. C. E., $10	162.33	256.68	10.00	429.01	720.00
Minneapolis, Pilgrim S. S., $9.81	115.15	28.45	9.81	153.41	394.50
Minneapolis, Plymouth	2,171.56	507.90	.....	2,679.46	2,325.00
Minneapolis, Robbinsdale S.S., $6.31	12.00	7.74	6.31	26.05	52.50
Minneapolis, St. Louis Park	33.33	3.85	.....	37.18	37.50
Minneapolis, Swedish Temple	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minneapolis, Thirty-eighth St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.00
Minneapolis, Vine	32.05	.....	.....	32.05	28.50
New Brighton	.....	1.25	.....	1.25	6.90
Princeton	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.40
Sandstone	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Stewart	.87	.....	.....	.87	3.60
Wayzata	89.99	.....	.....	89.99	45.00
Individual	.....	6.45	.....	6.45	.....
	$3,904.65	$1,286.34	$54.12	$5,245.11	.....
Minnesota Valley					
Alberta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appleton	22.18	.....	.....	22.18	15.00

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total.	Apportionment for State Work.
Minnesota Valley—Continued					
Belview	171.43	1.94	.....	173.37	6.00
Benson	15.30	47.33	.....	62.63	51.30
Campbell	20.00	1.15	.....	21.15	35.40
Correll	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
Dawson	6.00	1.29	.....	7.29	48.00
Eldorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Graceville S. S., $10.00	8.65	.....	10.00	18.65	10.50
Granite Falls	3.21	5.16	.....	8.37	12.00
Hancock	.....	13.97	.....	13.97	47.40
Madison S. S., $22.00	20.00	5.70	22.00	47.70	47.50
Marietta	15.14	4.29	.....	19.43	18.00
Montevideo	36.00	22.90	.....	58.90	67.50
Morris	40.00	29.55	.....	69.55	63.00
Nassau	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
Ortonville	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.50
Tintah	3.30	.....	.....	3.30	12.00
	$361.21	$133.28	$32.00	$526.49	.....
Northern Pacific					
Ada C. E., $15.00	$7.16	$2.15	$15.00	$24.31	$37.50
Akeley S. S., $3.50	.....	.....	3.50	3.50	7.50
Aldrich	7.00	.....	.....	7.00	3.00
Argyle	22.00	.....	.....	22.00	15.00
Bagley	7.50	1.60	9.10	.....	7.50
Barnesville	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Beard	5.00	.70	.....	5.70	3.00
Bertha	1.20	.....	.....	1.20	7.50
Callaway	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cass Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Crookston	.....	10.13	.....	10.13	90.00
Detroit	24.33	6.59	.....	30.82	45.00
Felton	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Fergus Falls	22.55	13.91	.....	36.46	45.00
Fertile	2.98	.....	.....	2.98	4.50
Fosston	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Glyndon C. E., $5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	14.00	30.00
Hawley	.....	2.65	.....	2.65	30.00
Kragness	.....	.70	.....	.70	7.50
Lake Park	3.25	.....	.....	3.25	3.00
Maple Bay	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Mahnomen	16.00	.....	.....	16.00	15.00
McIntosh	17.81	1.60	.....	19.41	4.50
Mentor	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Moorhead	32.00	22.52	.....	54.52	90.00
New York Mills S. S., $1.00	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	7.50

Associations.	*Churches.*	*W. H. M. U.*	*Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies*	*Total.*	*Apportionment for State Work.*
Northern Pacific—Continued					
Nymore	.50	.....	.....	.50	3.00
Ogema	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park Rapids	.....	3.55	.....	3.55	7.50
Pelican Rapids S. S., $7.15; C. E., $4.40	.....	9.10	11.55	20.65	15.00
Pinewood	1.20	.....	.....	1.20	.....
Staples	8.00	.....	.....	8.00	7.50
Turtle River	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Ulen	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Wadena	39.83	7.55	.....	47.38	90.00
Waubun	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50
	$223.21	$86.75	$36.05	$346.01	.....
Rainy River					
Baudette	$33.00	.....	.....	$33.00	$15.00
Birchdale	3.87	.....	.....	3.87	7.50
Cannon Falls (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Cedar Spur	18.07	.....	.....	18.07	3.00
Cook	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
International Falls	5.17	1.58	.....	6.75	15.00
Spooner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$60.11	$1.58	.....	$61.69	.....
St. Paul					
Cannon Falls	$105.00	$4.20	.....	$109.20	$37.50
Cannon Falls, Swedish	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Cottage Grove	.....	9.64	.....	9.64	15.00
Faribault	227.00	45.40	.....	272.40	300.00
Lake City, First	.....	5.40	.....	5.40	165.00
Lake City, Second	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Lakeland	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Marine Mills	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
North Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Northfield S. S., $81.14	344.19	149.80	81.14	575.13	750.00
St. Paul, Atlantic	.....	.....	.....	.....	75.00
St. Paul, Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul, Cyril (Bohemian)	13.00	.....	.....	13.00	15.00
St. Paul, Forest St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
St. Paul, Hazel Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
St. Paul, Immanuel	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
St. Paul, Olivet S. S., $5.00	300.68	38.83	5.00	344.51	300.00
St. Paul, Pacific	2.16	14.96	.....	17.12	22.50
St. Paul, Peoples S. S., $15.00	104.00	.....	15.00	119.00	150.00
St. Paul, Peoples (German)	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	7.50

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools. Christian Endeavor Societies	Total	Apportionment for State Work.
St. Paul– Continued					
St. Paul, Plymouth	50.00	42.59	.....	92.59	300.00
St. Paul, St. Anthony Park	111.20	18.77	.....	129.97	150.00
St. Paul, South Park	.....	4.60	.....	4.60	10.50
St. Paul, University Ave.	20.21	1.30	.....	21.51	22.50
Silver Lake C. E,. $5.00	37.24	9.07	5.00	51.31	64.20
Stillwater	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Sunrise	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wabasha	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
	$1.319.68	$344.56	$106.14	$1.770 38	.....
South Eastern					
Austin	$75.68	$57.87	.....	$133.55	$195.00
Claremont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dexter	40.00	.....	.....	40.00	15.00
Dodge Center	18.00	.....	.....	18.00	45.00
Grand Meadow	30.00	6.45	.....	36.45	37.50
Lyle	10.00	.....	.....	10.00	37.50
Mantorville	7.27	7.50	.....	14.77	37.50
Mazeppa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medford	14.07	3.71	.....	17.78	52.50
Morristown	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	12.00
Owatonna	.....	.....	.....	.....	195.00
Plainview	25.25	3.01	.....	28.26	37.50
Rochester	121.40	6.45	.....	127.85	187.50
Rose Creek	2.72	.....	.....	2.72	7.50
Spring Valley	86.86	16.60	.....	103.46	112.50
St. Charles	.....	.....	.....	.....	52.50
Stewartville	.....	15.74	.....	15.74	45.00
Taopi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterville C. E., $2.00	8.00	.....	2.00	10.00	10.50
Winona, First	200.00	134.50	.....	334.50	960.00
Winona, Lakeside (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.50
Zumbro Falls	7.50	.....	.....	7.50	7.50
Zumbrota	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
	$651.75	$304.32	$2.00	$958.07	.....
Western					
Arco	$9.38	.....	.....	$9.38	$9.30
Cambria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Comfrey	2.42	.50	.....	2.92	6.43
Cornish	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.50
Custer	30.52	.....	.....	30.52	15.00
Garvin S. S., $6.00	6.72	.....	6.00	12.72	30.90
Lake Benton	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	15.00

Associations. *Western—Continued*	*Churches.*	*W. H. M. U.*	*Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies*	*Total.*	*Apportionment for State Work.*
Lamberton	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Marshall	7.30	40.39	.....	47.69	110.00
New Ulm	36.30	16.45	.....	52.75	32.50
Selma	3.00	2.25	.....	5.25	12.00
Sleepy Eye	17.20	.....	.....	17.20	46.60
Springfield	1.21	4.20	.....	5.41	26.50
Tyler	72.83	.....	.....	72.83	8.00
Walnut Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.50
Winthrop	10.00	.....	.....	10.00	40.50
	$199.88	$63.79	$6.00	$269.67	.....

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Miscellaneous Receipts.

C. H. M. S., 95 per cent of receipts from Minnesota	$237.26	
Returned by missionary pastors in offerings from the field	171.67	
Individual gifts outside apportionment	1,053.77	
Loans	4,000.00	
Interest on deposits	9.72	
From Gridley Hall	10.47	
W. H. M. U. Thank Offering	147.16	
Telephone service	.35	
Telegram	.76	
Office rent	20.00	
Literature	8.00	
For special new work	363.00	
Total miscellaneous receipts		$6,022.16

Summary of Receipts.

Cash on hand, October 1, 1913	$265.00	
From Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies	241.31	
From W. H. M. U.	2,477.46	
From churches	7,869.60	
Miscellaneous receipts	6,022.16	
Total receipts October 1, 1913, to September 30, 1914		$16,875.53

Expenditures.

*Missionary aid		$8,619.67
Salary General Superintendent, Rev. Everett Lesher		3,000.00
Salary Superintendent Northern Minnesota, Rev. W. L. Sutherland (half time)		750.00
Salary General Missionary, Rev. W. J. Conard (half time)		600.00
Rev. Edward Constant for General Missionary services		300.00
Travel expense, General Superintendent		115.55
Travel expense, Superintendent, Northern Minnesota		133.50
Travel expense, General Missionary		237.19
Travel expense, Rev. Edward Constant		15.85
Special Missionary and Evangelistic Services		411.10
Directors' travel		77.02
Office assistant		281.92
Literature		46.00
Printing and stationery		113.87
Publicity sundries		3.44
Telephone and telegraph		74.28
Postage and express		97.29
Administrative sundries		41.39
Congregational Minnesota		40.00
C. H. M. S., 5 per cent receipts		531.36
Office rent		80.00
Exchange		5.05
Office sundries		36.23
Note at bank with interest		1,060.00
Total expenditures October 1, 1913, to September 30, 1914		$16,670.71
Balance on hand September 30th		204.82

*This amount includes $200.00 for new work in Minnesota paid out of the fund for "Special New Work."

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Minneapolis, Minn., September 30, 1914.

D. J. Cowling, Esq.,
President, Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society.

Dear Sir: I have examined the annual report of the Treasurer of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society, as per attached statement from September 30, 1913, to September 30, 1914. I have checked up the vouchers for the disbursements a total of $16,670.71 and find same correct. I find that on August 31, 1914, there was on hand on deposit with the

Minnesota Loan and Trust Company	$649.16
Checks out, not received at the bank	208.82
Balance	$440.34
Check on hand, entered but not deposited	$27.00
Total	$467.34
According to the books of the Treasurer on hand	$422.01
Birchdale (a separate account)	45.33
Total, cash on hand	$467.34

On account of the shortness of the time between September 30th and the date of the annual meeting for accounts to be audited, bank balance checked up and all included in printed report, I would respectfully suggest and recommend that the date of closing the accounts be August 31st, 1915.

Respectfully submitted,
C. I. FULLER, Auditor.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "The Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society," and its location shall be in the city of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, in the state of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

The general purpose of this corporation shall be, of itself and in co-operation with the various national Congregational Missionary organizations, to promote the interests of religion, especially in the State of Minnesota, and for that purpose to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, real estate and personal property, to hold, use, give, grant and otherwise dispose of the same, and to employ such means and agencies from time to time as may seem expedient.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of this corporation shall consist of the officers and members of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and of such other persons as the Board of Directors of this corporation may from time to time elect.

ARTICLE IV.

The government of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of not less than nine Directors who shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of three years each, but at the first annual meeting one-third of such Directors shall be chosen for a term of one year, one-third for a term of two years, and one-third for a term of three years, so that thereafter one-third of such Directors may be chosen annually.

Said Board of Directors shall choose their own officers, who shall be elected annually and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Until the first annual meeting the following named persons shall constitute the Board of Directors: W. H. Laird, L. E. Jepson, S. G. Smith, Henry Holmes, W. H. Sallmon, A. A. Miller, G. E. Perley, A. C. Anderson, and E. S. Slater; and W. H. Laird shall be President, L. E. Jepson, Vice-President, and George R. Merrill, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held at the time and place of holding the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, and the Moderator of said General Congregational Association of Minnesota shall be the presiding officer at such meeting.

THE BIG OPPORTUNITY OF THE CHURCH: ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Last June I sat in one of the largest auditoriums in Chicago, impressive in its great reaches of gallery and floor and accommodating the many thousands of delegates. Around me and below were gathered these representatives of the International Sunday School Association from all over the continent. At noon I went to the Sunday School exhibit in the lower rooms. I had expected a good representation from the denominational publishing societies but I was not prepared to walk about for a whole hour, in making the circuit of more than fifty great exhibits, showing the vastness of the depot from which this modern Sunday School is supplied. As I took my way from the building I found the principal impression upon me was that of magnitude—the magnitude of the marvelous growth in the last few years, both in numbers and importance of this Sunday School effort for the bringing in of the Kingdom of God. Always with its possibilities, the Sunday School has come into its own as the great source and method for growth of the church of God. It has become one of the big things of the age. This is the handwriting on the wall and woe to that branch of God's church that does not discern and appreciate and support this greatest modern instrumentality for winning the world to Jesus Christ. No little place, no bureau of some other work, is the place given by the genuine modernist to the Sunday School cause. Progressive and up-to-date churches like the Methodists and Christians are setting their Sunday School interests to the fore and reaping a wonderful reward in growth and progress by so doing.

But to come nearer home: What shall we say of the Congregational churches and this big Sunday School work? As to numbers it is gratifying to report that the last Year Book shows for the first time over 700,000 in the Congregational Sunday Schools of the United States, a net gain of 22,333 for the year. At the Kansas City Council our goal was set at one million members in our Congregational Sunday Schools—an increase in the years just ahead of 300,000, with all the new impulse and incentive which this will mean for the Lord's work, for such an increase is perfectly feasible. It means less than one new member found in the next three years by two of our present members in the Sunday Schools. If the Congregational Sunday Schools throughout the land would set themselves to this out-reaching for a new membership—each member setting it as a mark of service to get one new member the next year, if the great possibilities of the Home Department and adult class work could be developed, if the Cradle Roll could extend its watch over all the little lives in the community—if, if, if all this, how easily this big proposition, this modern Sunday School movement might rise like the incoming waters of the ocean at flood tide, until the million mark might be reached and passed. Shall we do it? Shall we here in Minnesota carry our twenty-nine thousand total up to forty thousand

up to fifty thousand, and receive in all our Congregational work the marvelous impulse which would follow? Let each delegate answer that question. Let each delegate take that question back to his home church.

But I think I hear some one say, "Should we not look rather for quality than quantity?" My reply is that our bigness in Minnesota is not only in the matter of membership but in the marvelous gains made by most of our Sunday Schools in equipment and methods. Those who shall speak in this Sunday School hour will all emphasize this bigness of improvement in methods and thoroughness of effort during the last decade. But the most eloquent testimony after all is in the series of charts covering practically every Congregational school in the state and revealing the quality of the work under twelve inquiries. A few schools unfortunately were not reported. We urge a full return from every Congregational Sunday School to the township or county secretary of our interdenominational work. Only so co-operating can we move toward a common goal and a high goal of excellence. Any one who had been absent from Minnesota ten years and had come back to face this exhibit of high endeavor as told in these charts would agree we believe that the big work of better and more effective Sunday Schools is being broadly and well done in Minnesota—but there are big tasks ahead and, in my judgment, they may be most economically and efficiently done by hearty co-operation of Congregationalists with the interdenominational state work.

During the year since our State Association was held at Plymouth church, Minneapolis, I have become aware in one way and another that in my annual reports I had failed to make plain the fact that in the missionary activities of the Congregational Sunday School Society the Minnesota-South Dakota district held first place and had so held for years. It puts a great strain on my innate modesty to go over these facts again but when I find some of our Congregational leaders, so-called, wholly uninformed as to the standing of our missionary work there seems a real reason for giving and interpreting the facts.

There are two ways of measuring the success of missionary Sunday School work: first, by the number of communities into which a new religious influence has been introduced by the organization of a Congregational Sunday School; and second, by the size of the missionary Sunday School parish in a state or district. We propose to measure the success of this missionary Sunday School work in Minnesota by both these standards.

First then, as to the number of communities to which the Sunday School Society brought the hope and uplift of a religious effort through organizing their religious forces into Sunday Schools. The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society prints each year a table called "Appendix A," which gives the salient facts about each state in which it employs workers or spends money. In the current table, which can be had from Boston headquarters for the asking, it appears that South Dakota led all the states in this regard with a total of forty communities in which

the religious work was organized through new Sunday Schools; then came the state of Washington with thirty-two organizations, and North Dakota, under the vigorous Dr. Stickney with twenty-six communities, and in fourth place Minnesota with twenty-four communities where work had been thus organized. Following down the list behind Minnesota were Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, California and forty other states and districts. For Minnesota to stand fourth in a list of 48 states is a fact worth noting, especially as our yoke-fellow in the district, South Dakota, stood first. On this basis has rested the claim that this district was first in rank in the whole country in missionary Sunday School work. Indeed this district organized practically one-fourth of all the new communities reached last year through the efforts of the Congregational Sunday School Society. It may be added that this was done on considerably less than one-tenth of the missionary fund expended nationally. We do not wish our Congregational Minnesotans to get "chesty" over this fact but we do want them to apprehend the relative magnitude of this missionary activity. God gave us in these two states special opportunity. We have only partly taken possession of our Promised Land even yet.

To turn to the second measure of the success of the Sunday School missionary work—the maintenance of a great parish of branch and mission Sunday Schools. Turn now, if you please, to the Year Book, last issue; but as for that we might refer with equal propriety to any of the last five issues, since the two states have been worked in a district. The maintaining of a Sunday School in a community, generally by volunteer effort, is the most economical and certain method of evangelizing the small communities and country district of a state which has yet been discovered, and yet it is a most difficult form of Christian activity to maintain in any commonwealth on a large scale. There is no money for the local work, only the heartening word or the gift of a few helpful supplies—quarterlies, cards and papers. To maintain such a work in a commonwealth as large as the six New England states combined and New Jersey added, with only half the time of two or three men is in itself a huge undertaking. The most burdened pastor has no bigger problem. Now for the last Year Book, page 492, Summary of Independent and Missionary Sunday Schools, in which reports are given from 45 states: Minnesota stands first, having the largest parish of them all with 156 independent and mission Sunday Schools included therein. South Dakota stands second with 154 schools and 4,109 members—the district thus decidedly leading the procession of forty-five states.

Thus, whether measured by new work, inaugurated, or old work maintained through the blessing and by the aid of Almighty God, the record of this district and this state is one for our people to be proud of and calls for generous treatment in planning the affairs of the kingdom of God in our midst.

We must remark in contemplating this wide-flung missionary activity of the Sunday School Society three things:

a. This work has in it the heart of the Great Master, however poorly it is done. In Luke we are told that He sent His disciples not only to the cities and villages but into every place whither He himself would come. Those little hamlets hidden in the folds of the Judean hillsides were a part of that work to which He gave Himself wholly and utterly in His Judean ministry. And the way in which He is present in such lonely neighborhoods today and the marvelous way in which He blesses such effort make plain to all our missionary Sunday School workers how dear this work is to the heart of our Saviour.

b. This work of rural evangelism is a patriotic work. Where think you is the future of America being wrought out today? Is it among the throngs of our city streets—our great centers as we call them? I tell you, no. The destiny of this nation is being wrought today in the thousands upon thousands of little communities, country neighborhoods and school districts. Twenty-five years hence the men who will hold this nation in their grasp for weal or for woe will trace back their origin to the little community and the influences that wrought on the sturdy boys and girls found therein. What a call this makes upon us for carrying the Gospel to the forgotten neighborhoods of our state and nation!

c. This humble form of Congregational missionary work is essential to the future of the church itself, if now we may speak of ourselves as a Congregational church. Whence has come the prestige of the great Methodist church? Not from its city work, no, not for a moment! The greatness of Methodism has come from its thousands of country appointments and stations, reaching the neighborhoods and hamlets of the land.

Let Congregationalists take this fact to heart: Devote ourselves only to the strategic centers and in a half century we shall be only little more than an historic name—a denominational curio. On the other hand, if we shall pour ourselves out into the needy and neglected communities of the land in a new and great movement for rural evangelization through the Sunday School we shall come, bringing our sheaves with us to the glory of God and the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

These are not indifferent things of which I speak—they are things vital to the kingdom. In looking back over the twenty-six years in which in one way and another this Sunday School work has been developed in Minnesota and latterly in South Dakota and in looking ahead for a decade or so to come I cannot see how the work could be preserved and this great service to the church maintained and enlarged without one man to give his special attention to the pioneering and rural evangelization through the Sunday School. Divide this interest with any other, however germane, will certainly lose for it the emphasis which is the very essential of this type of work. This has proved true in general where the experience has been tried in other states for any series of years.

The personnel of our force here in Minnesota has been maintained as a year ago but with the first of November we shall lose the services of Rev. W. J. Conard in this particular form of work, a sacrifice which has been made necessary by financial conditions partly growing out of the European war and in keeping with similar retrenchments in certain other states. Mr. Conard has given his time for nearly ten years to the work of the two societies and those who have followed results most intimately know what a rich return has come back to the denomination both in the saving and organizing of Sunday Schools and the saving of fields weakened by those disasters which overtake churches. It is to be hoped that Mr. Conard will find a work akin to that in which he has been occupied that the church may still profit from his earnest, loving and wise effort for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Rev. W. L. Sutherland continues to divide his work between the two societies as superintendent in the northern half of the state. The Association will have the opportunity of judging of the big problems which he confronts and solves in the northern domain when his voice is heard in this session. His work has been beyond value to the Sunday School Society in northern Minnesota.

It is necessary to say something in regard to finances before this annual paper is properly concluded. The superintendent stands between the exigencies of the work and the constant report of a depleted treasury. There is no other way than to pass these problems on to the churches themselves. The expenses last year included for a portion of the society's year ending March 1st, 1914, the whole of Mr. Sutherland's time and covering administrative and office expense and supplies were $4,175.34. The contributions from the state amounted to $2,896.74, leaving $1,278.60 to be still received from the National treasury for the carrying on of this work. With the work of a new state as large as Wisconsin to be carried on in the north, I consider that it is perfectly proper that we should receive missionary aid from outside the state. At the same time we want to use every effort to raise the extra $1,200 which should carry on Minnesota work with Minnesota money.

In this connection it seems to me necessary, as addressing here the highest court of appeal, to state frankly and without personal bias certain action in our state which has cut down the income of the Sunday School cause and that at a time when its services were enlarging by the new superintendency in the north and when it stood prominently in the country at large. I allude to the fact that twice the favorable action of the Association has been undone by committee work after adjournment. At Alexandria, in 1911, the Association voted: "Resolved: That we commend the Congregational Sunday School work in Minnesota to the Apportionment Committee for an increase from five to eight per cent, if such increase can be made in fairness to other causes." South Dakota the same year had made the increase to ten per cent on the ground of work within the state. The Alexandria meeting also included the representatives of the

benevolent societies in the Apportionment Committee. After adjournment and at a meeting of the committee of which I had no notice this proposal as to the percentage to the Sunday School work was swept aside, without a hearing. Such action might have been necessary but under these votes I submit it should not have been taken without a hearing.

At the meeting in 1913 at Minneapolis the Association passed resolutions as to the Society's work and its superintendent, the graciousness of which is hereby humbly and gratefully acknowledged. The Association left the percentage for the Sunday School Society on the basis recommended by the national committee—five and one-half per cent. This was in October, 1913. Six months later, in April, 1914, a meeting of the Apportionment Committee was called to which the officials, as provided by the Alexandria resolution, were not invited but some eight individuals outside the committee were asked to be present. I want here to say that most of those thus invited and nearly all the committee itself had no knowledge that there was any ulterior purpose in the action of the committee and honorably repudiated such purpose when it became apparent. At any rate, there, in the middle of the year and without conference with the Association's superintendent of Sunday School work, the Society's percentage of the apportionment was cut to four and one-half per cent—the lowest to my knowledge in the United States and in a state with the premier record in missionary work. And the year's income is even now being thus cut down. Is it too much to ask that this annual meeting designate the percentages and fix them beyond cavil, also provide permanently ex-officio membership for the resident representatives of our benevolent societies? I do not consider that the Association would reap any gain by going into a discussion of these matters that are past and I have taken pains to leave out all personalities in the matter. I only ask that whatever percentage the Association sees fit to allow the Sunday School Society should be so arranged that no change could be made during the financial year.

We are to have this morning a large view of this big and important work in our state. The program committee has been very generous in their consideration of the Sunday School cause and I trust this signifies that in years to come the Society and its work may have not only a generous hearing at our annual meeting but even more generous remembrance in the prayers and gifts of all our churches.

REV. R. P. HERRICK.

REPORT OF THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your committee would respectfully report as follows:

The committee has held several meetings during the year to plan for the good of the work.

One denominational rally was held at which the theme was "Definite Plans for Missionary Instruction in the Sunday School." It was a profitable gathering and an expression was given favorable to more of such rallies.

We wish to call attention to the charts that have been prepared by Dr. Herrick's office, showing an actual survey of the present attainments of Congregational schools in our various district associations along the lines of Sunday School development recommended by the Minnesota State Sunday School Association. They reveal conditions to the eye far more effectively than statistics would to the ear. They are worthy of careful examination by all the delegates. They show at a glance the presence or absence of many valuable phases of up-to-date departments and methods of work.

The survey of the field leads us to believe that our schools rank up well in comparison with those of other denominations, yet there remains abundant room for improvement. We reiterate our conviction that the Sunday School offers the most inviting field of any of the departments of the local church for developing workers for the kingdom. We therefore urge that all our churches give especial attention and supervision to the interests of the Sunday School. Let the elementary department be given no less attention, but let the secondary and adult divisions receive more care than in the past. Better organization and more effective follow up methods are needed in the teen age classes. Recent investigation has revealed that 75 out of every 100 pupils that drop from the ranks leave during this period (from 13 to 20 years of age). It has been found that effective class organization prevents this leakage. Another successful way is to secure the presence of large numbers of adults, both men and women. Their presence is an inspiration to the rising generation. The Sunday School is the church of God studying the Word of God, therefore the whole church ought to be in the Bible school.

In the work of instruction we believe that one of the crying needs is a better working knowledge of the Bible which is not usually supplied in the graded or the uniform lessons. We believe that supplemental lessons are needed to supply this lack. An excellent set of such lessons, adapted to the various grades, and intended for a five-minute drill before the regular class instruction is published by the Minnesota State Sunday School Association at six cents each.

In the department of teacher training we realize that frequently it is difficult to enlist the youth in a mid-week class. Some schools are overcoming this obstacle by incorporating a normal department in the regular

school curriculum. It is usually made the prescribed work for the fourth year intermediate, or the first year senior, for those about 16 or 17 years of age. The advantage is that all scholars thus pass up through this grade before passing into the adult division. It is not called teacher training but simply a normal class. It seems to have many advantages and we recommend it for trial in our schools.

We believe that the Sunday School offers to the church a great opportunity to teach the rising generation the duty and privilege of Christian stewardship. The pupils should be taught to support both the local church and all of its benevolences. We therefore recommend that each class be supplied with two collection envelopes, one for current expenses and the other for benevolences. The money given for current expenses will be turned over to the church treasurer, while that given for benevolences will go to the treasurer of church benevolences. This plan is working very satisfactorily in several schools. It affords the teacher an excellent opportunity for giving the pupils the vision of the far-reaching influence of their weekly offering or investment.

Another of the possibilities of the Sunday School is that of instructing in reverence and fostering the spirit of worship among the children and youth. To this end we suggest that wherever possible our schools provide in their opening exercises an order of worship of such a nature as will encourage suitable and natural expression of the spirit of worship for the different ages of those in attendance. In schools where several or all departments unite in the opening exercises let the needs and capacity of child nature be considered.

In connection with instruction in worship many schools are seeking to train their pupils in the habit of regular church attendance. The standard recommended by the state Sunday School committee of Iowa to their Congregational churches is 75 per cent of the attendance at Sunday School at the regular church service at least once each Sunday. We commend this to our Minnesota schools.

In order that there may be a unity of aim in the work of our schools we believe it would be beneficial to adopt a Minnesota standard of excellence. This is being done in many of the states. The Minnesota State Sunday School Association has adopted and published a modern and workable standard. Ten of its twelve points have been adopted by the Interdenominational Church Council representing twenty-six denominations. The other two points, concerning reports to the state office and attendance upon the district convention, were endorsed but not adopted for denominational standards, but are usually adapted to denominational needs. This standard printed large for wall display may be obtained free from the Minnesota State Sunday School Association office, 871 Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. We recommend that until a Congregational Minnesota State standard is adopted we approve and adopt the twelve points of this stand-

ard and endeavor to bring our schools up to the heights of this standard, not in form only but in spirit.

Finally, we believe that the work of the Sunday School is both extensive and intensive, both missionary and educational. So while we lengthen the cords, we must also strengthen the stakes. We rejoice in the splendid work accomplished in Minnesota along missionary lines, bringing it to pass that Minnesota leads all the states both in numbers and membership of our Congregational mission Sunday Schools. Still we doubt not but that in the thickly settled as well as in the newer portions of our state there are localities where new schools ought yet to be organized. It is the Sunday School that is the chief factor in the evangelization of many of our rural districts. We therefore feel that the extensive work should be continued with unabated zeal. Let new schools be organized wherever the best interests of the kingdom warrant it. But when once organized the best possible supervision should be given to these schools, and to all our schools, to lead them onward along the most approved lines of modern Sunday School development. In the agricultural world of the future the farming will be more and more intensive. Each acre will be made to yield the greatest possible harvest. So in the Sunday School realm the methods will be increasingly educational in harmony with the Holy Spirit's leadership. Each church will seek by every possible method to bring its school up to the highest possible efficiency that it may contribute its full share to the triumph of the kingdom.

As we face the future let us see to it that there be no steps backward. Rather let the importance of the Sunday School be magnified and exalted as one of the very foremost departments of the church for which there was never greater need of direct supervision and special leadership than at the present day.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. DRAKE,
J. M. ANDERSON,
GEO. MAHLONMILLER,
State Sunday School Com.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.

Report of Treasurer for Year Ending September 30th, 1914.
1913-14.

RECEIPTS.

October 1st, 1913, cash in hand		$12.48
Central Association, balance in full for 1913	$17.03	
Central Association, on account Association dues 1914	37.00	
Duluth Association, amount in full for 1914	48.30	
Mankato Association, amount in full for 1914	80.22	
Minneapolis Association, paid balance in full for 1913	369.53	
Minneapolis Association, on account dues for 1914	80.94	
Minnesota Valley Association, on account dues for 1914	50.00	
Northern Pacific, paid in full for 1913	80.68	
Rainy River—		
St. Paul Association, paid in full for 1913	99.76	
St. Paul Association, paid on account for 1914	234.94	
Southern Association, balance for 1913 paid in full	74.30	
Southern Association, paid on account 1914	50.70	
Western Association, on account 1913 balance paid in full	40.00	
		$1,275.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

October 16, 1913, paid in full on account 1913 Treasurer, National Council	$80.00	
Paid Treasurer, National Council, on account 1914	186.20	
October 16, 1913, expenses of Business Committee	13.62	
October 16, 1913, bill Brotherhood Secretary	50.00	
Railroad expenses Apportionment Committee, Rev. H. R. Harris	6.90	
Apportionment Committee, expenses of	104.39	
For Apportionment Committee, printing letterheads	14.60	
Printing programs State meeting of conference	30.45	
Printing specials as per bills	6.85	
Printing and mailing Minutes	245.33	
Expenses College Commission (appointed)	59.26	
Salary secretary and treasurer	200.00	
Stationery stamps, rubber stamp, expressage	11.59	
		$1,009.19
Cash in hand		266.69
		$1,275.88

M. B. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

October 3rd, 1914.

Receipts and disbursements checked, footings and bank balance verified.

C. I. FULLER,
Auditor.

October 5, 1914.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

October 1, 1913, Cash on hand		$384.00
Offering from State Conference and Local Associations—		
General Conference, October 6, 1913	$76.35	
Central Association, by Geo. L. Treat	4.50	
Duluth Association, by H. R. Harris	16.18	
Minneapolis Association, by E. E. Day	17.00	
Northern Pacific Association, by C. R. Andrews	6.50	
St. Paul Association, by O. C. Clark	9.50	
Southeastern Association, by H. E. Chapman	11.16	
Western Association, by E. F. Wheeler	4.75	145.94
Offering from 105 Churches direct		142.75
By Minn. W. H. M. U., Mrs. A. M. Burch, Treas		237.49
By Apportionment Committee, E. W. Decker, Treas	229.77	
By Apportionment Committee, H. E. Chapman, Treas	36.33	266.10
Individual Gifts and Legacy—		
One-half of legacy bequeathed by Dr. J. W. Strong		250.00
A friend "In His Name"		25.00
Amount in pocketbook of a sainted mother, found after her departure, treasured for Min. Relief Society, and was sent in by her children		5.00
Interest received on invested funds		427.30
Balance in full of proceeds of loan paid		135.01
		$2,018.59

Invested in Endowment Fund, $7,650.00.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aid given to eight beneficiaries and one special	$750.00	
Transferred to invested funds	685.01	
Postage stamps, post cards and exchange	6.15	
	$1,441.16	
Cash in hand	577.43	
		$2,018.59

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MORRIS, Treasurer.

October 5, 1914.

Examined and approved.

J. M. McBRIDE,

Auditor, Pro tem.

October 5, 1914.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Wadena, Minnesota, October 6, 1914.

To the Minnesota Conference of Congregational Churches:

I hereby resign my position as Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Conference of Congregational Churches, said resignation to take effect at once.

Thanking the members of the Conference for their co-operation,

I am sincerely,

MAURICE B. MORRIS.
Secy. and Treas.

Mr. Moderator and Brethren:

We deem it a privilege to appear before you once again, if for no other reason than to say thank you, in behalf of the aged Gospel ministers of Minnesota "which have borne the burden and heat of the day," and were in every whit as courageous, brave and true to their trust as are you dear young men and middle-aged ministers today, and what more can anyone say?

Exceedingly glad and thankful also to report progress, better things than a year ago even, as more churches are responding to our Board's appeal than ever before in the history of our state. The Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union, faithful as ever, and larger returns than ever before, have been received from the treasurer of the Apportionment Committee.

The State Conference and local associations have remembered us with generous offerings, all of which is most cheerfully given and very gratefully received. Indeed we are almost persuaded that Minnesota is beginning to realize that God does not require all sacrifice at the hand of the ordained ministers whose salaries have been pitifully small and who, having reached the end of active service, cannot face the future without some sinking of heart. Beloved, your Board of Trustees feel it keenly that there should be a deeper sense of responsibility with regard to the supply of their needs when they are enfeebled and disabled, and this is made plain by the fact that, leaving out many of the smaller ones, more than one hundred of our churches during the last year found no place in the list of their benevolences for the cause of MINISTERIAL RELIEF!

For this worthy cause, therefore, we most earnestly plead for an offering from every pastor and church, and from every local association during the conference year upon which we are now entering, for which Christian courtesy and kindness we thank you even now.

Last December we were notified by H. W. Page, of Northfield, that the late Dr. James W. Strong in his last will and testament had bequeathed

our Congregational Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota the sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars and as one of his executors enclosed a check for two hundred and fifty ($250.00) dollars, one-half of amount of bequest, which amount was invested in the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief Society of Minnesota, amounting now to seven thousand six hundred and fifty ($7,650.00) dollars.

We thank our God for the noble men whom He in His goodness gave in times past to Minnesota whose faith we follow, for through their gifts, though they be dead, are still speaking. God forbid that we should forget those who in other days brake unto us the bread of life or forsake them when they are old.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MORRIS, Secy.

October 6th, 1914.

REV. MAURICE B. MORRIS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING, MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 6th, 1914.

To the best of our ability to estimate, the following amounts for the purposes named will be required for the coming year:

The National Council, 4c for each of 22,643 members	$905.72
Printing Minutes of the Conference	240.00
Salary of Secretary	200.00
Expenses of Secretary, postage and stationery	35.00
Program Committee	35.00
Apportionment Committee	120.00
Business Committee	20.00
Total	$1,555.72

To provide this total an assessment of 7 cents per member must be levied upon the present membership, divided as follows among the several associations:

	Members.	
Central	1,477	$103.39
Duluth	819	57.33
Mankato	1,382	96.74
Minneapolis	7,989	559.23
Minnesota Valley	983	68.81
Northern Pacific	1,460	102.20
Rainy River	101	7.07
St. Paul	4,705	329.35
So. Eastern	2,510	175.70
Western	852	59.64
Total	22,278	$1,559.46

In case additional expenditures are required as the result of action by this conference, or if those who have authority to incur indebtedness consider any of the sums inadequate for the purposes named, an increase in the assessment must be made.

At this time we recommend that it be seven cents per member distributed as indicated.

This committee at the last conference made a plea for greater punctuality in the payment of dues or assessments by the churches and recommended a plan which it was believed might help to bring about the desired result. The report of the treasurer, showing a balance of $266.69 on hand, and collections for the year nearly $120.00 in excess of the year previous indicate some progress; but when his statement is analyzed we find but $582.10 received on the $1,319.40 assessment for 1914, the remainder being collections from delinquent 1913 dues, the unpaid balance of which is now

but $35.47. But to offset this comfortable treasury balance, there is still $715.00 due the National Council for the current year, the assessment on us for that organization being some $225.00 more than we estimated by reason of an increase in rate from three to four cents per member. We have uncollected dues for the current year, without considering anything previous, more than enough to discharge this indebtedness and leave the treasury balance for printing the minutes of this conference, payment for which must be made before the new year's assessments come in; but this $700.00 and more of 1914 dues is not in hand. We have been using this year's collections in part for last year's bills, and must wait for next year's receipts before we can fully liquidate this year's indebtedness.

We have been able to get along in this way for a time, but it is not business, and is not creditable to this state organization which, having as its prime consideration the spiritual well-being of the churches and their members ought, we believe, to put and keep its finances on as high a plane as do other institutions having less exalted aims.

We call attention to this matter again at this time at the risk of possibly tiring you because we cannot otherwise satisfy ourselves that we have discharged the duty that rests upon us as a committee. We believe this conference should adopt some plan; first, for the speedy collection of all collectible arrearages; second, for the prompt payment in the manner and within the time suggested last year of current assessments. How this can best be done we are not quite clear and we invite discussion and suggestions. The treasurer is somewhat hampered in that he must look only to the district registrars and has no authority to go around or beyond them directly to the churches. Indeed this appears to be the better way, but cannot this conference, preserving the present plan, supplement it by getting into direct touch with the registrars and the pastors of the churches through some officer or this or some other committee, laying upon these registrars and pastors the responsibility for the accomplishment of these two things. We respectfully submit it to you with this our report.

L. L. DODGE,
SAMUEL E. KELLERMAN,
J. B. HARKER,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 25, 1914.

To the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Preservation of Church Property would report:

First. That no specific situation, requiring investigation, has been referred to us.

Second. That a member of this committee has been present at the meeting of each Association, and no locality was discovered that required our attention.

Third. That with the changing conditions in some sections of the state, need for the services of such a committee is liable to arise.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. W. REED,
D. D. WEBSTER,
GEORGE PLUMER MERRILL,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

As in former years, this Committee has continued its work of collecting and placing in the Library of the Minnesota Historical Society whatever publications we can secure relating to the history and the present work of our churches, Sunday schools, and missions, throughout the state.

Pastors and church clerks are requested to forward to this library copies of printed sermons and reports, the proceedings of church anniversary celebrations, and all other published records in this field. Besides these specially printed records, the Historical Library in its newspaper department, receiving and binding 430 of our daily and weekly newspapers, thus preserves a great amount of current news, which in the future years will be history, relating to all the church activities, changes of pastorates, dedications of new church buildings, etc.

All who are interested in these subjects, for the whole state or for any of its cities and towns, are cordially invited to visit this library in the State Capitol.

WARREN UPHAM, Chairman.

REPORT ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

The State Conference a year ago appointed a committee of ten—one from each local Association—on Carleton College. It was hardly expected that a committee so large and so widely scattered over the state could be brought together on a given day. All the members of the committee, however, were notified to meet at Northfield on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. Five of their number responded. Those present made a brief inspection of the buildings, and as much as their limited time would permit were made acquainted by records and otherwise with present conditions.

We were impressed anew with the oft-repeated statement that Carleton College stands for high ideals, both educational and moral, and is a Christian school but not sectarian. The curriculum is of high standard, sensitive to present day conditions and adapted to modern needs.

The faculty is composed of able men and women competent in their different departments, harmonious and helpful. Three new additions have been made at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, including a new Dean of Women, Miss Mary L. Benton, for fifteen years a full professor of Latin in Smith College. Miss Benton was born of missionary parents in Syria. She is not only a valuable acquisition to the teaching force but with her wide experience and general adaptability, will bring new inspiration and safe counsel to the young women of Carleton.

The most cordial and intimate relations exist between the people of Northfield and the college. The high moral tone of the community, the maintenance of Pilgrim ideals in its civic and religious life, make Northfield typically a college town. It would be difficult to find a place better suited to the needs of young people away from home.

We were also impressed with the genuine democracy of the school. There is no evidence of snobbishness so often found in colleges; no place for undesirable distinctions of wealth or social caste; a place where a man or woman stands squarely on his own individual merits, his real capacity and good spirit. No element of unjust discrimination finds a place among Carletonians.

The religious life of the college is positive, inspiring, healthy and hopeful. The chapel services for faculty and students, prayer meetings, vesper services, Bible and mission study classes are maintained. The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. are doing good work. A number of the advanced students are enrolled as missionary volunteers. It was also gratifying to your committee to learn that the Christian ministry is the goal of a limited number of the young men. All students are required to attend regular Sunday morning services at one of the local churches.

The present school year, so far, is by all odds the best the college ever entered upon. The total enrollment of regular college students is 426, as compared with 399 for the whole of last year. This does not include the enrollment in the Conservatory of Music, which is between 30 and 40.

Carleton occupies an honorable place among the colleges of America. It is one of three institutions of college rank west of the Mississippi River recognized by the United States Department of Education as a college of the first class without qualification. The college has recently been granted a chapter of the national honorary society in scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa, and has been admitted to the western group of colleges with whom Harvard University maintains exchange relationships. The other four are Beloit, Grinnell, Colorado and Knox.

Your committee heartily endorses the new departure recently made in the admission requirements of the college, which does not admit special or conditional students. With the large number of standard high schools in Minnesota and adjacent states, and approved private academies where high schools are not available, it is only reasonable that a high class college should insist upon adequate preparation on the part of those who wish to enjoy the advantages offered.

It will not be questioned that a college will do its best work and exert the strongest influence in behalf of Christian ideals, where students remain for the full four year period. A college with the great majority of its students four year people, is able to maintain a richer and more inspiring atmosphere than otherwise. Dr. G. Stanley Hall has well said: "The best education is not that which comes with effort from direct attention and application, but there is an unconscious education which is much more important, and which is carried on in the penumbral region of the mind. This environmental education needs time." Every college should jealously guard the intangible something which we call its atmosphere, in order that the influences that affect the marginal regions of the students' minds may be influences saturated with scholarly ideals and earnestness of spirit. There can be no question that a large percentage of irregular or part-time students dilutes the atmosphere and neutralizes the educative force of the college. And be it remembered, that it is the last two years and not the first two that a college accomplishes its real purpose with a student and creates within him its distinctive ideal. Your committee would therefore recommend that students who matriculate at Carleton be urged by their parents and pastors to take the full four year course where at all possible. We realize, of course, that there will be legitimate exceptions.

The capital assets of the college, including campus, sixty acres; athletic field, six acres; a farm of 160 acres, recently acquired buildings and equipment, is over $600,000. The productive endowment funds are over $800,000. As a result of the wider recognition that has come to the college, it has seemed wise to make certain expansions the past year. This has caused a deficit of over seven thousand dollars in current expenses, but the improvements justify the expenditure.

The "Greater Carleton" contemplates a number of new buildings, as soon as the necessary funds are forthcoming, which it is to be hoped will not be in the distant future. There is needed at this time very pressingly

a boys' dormitory. With the growth of the college it has become increasingly difficult to find homes for the young men in town, and the time has come when the college is practically compelled to do something to meet this urgent situation. Then there is need of a chapel. It is hardly creditable that an institution that strives to put emphasis on religious values should have a chapel as the least satisfactory part of its equipment. There is hope that provision will be made for this need in the very near future.

We would call the attention of the State Conference to the action taken at the Alexandria meeting three years ago, when the sum of $50,000 was pledged for the churches of the state toward the endowment, as a part of the agreement with the General Education Board. July 1st, 1915, is the time for settlement with the Board, and all the money named in the stipulation must be on hand in cash. Only about $20,000 of the $50,000 has as yet been accepted by local churches or individuals. Something practical must be done at this meeting with regard to the remaining $30,000 in order that the Board of Trustees be not embarrassed in their final settlement with the General Education Board next July. The committee last year suggested "that a committee be named who will make this matter their special concern and see that, in all honor to our worthy body of churches, this obligation is promptly and fully met before July, 1915." If such a committee has not been appointed, and no definite report will be submitted upon the matter, we recommend that a suitable solicitor be secured on salary, who shall visit especially the churches which failed to respond, and in connection with the Board of Trustees, provide for the adjustment of our part of the obligation to the General Education Board.

Your committee desires to commend very strongly Carleton College to the churches of the state of Minnesota and to all parents and young people who are seeking an institution that affords an ideal opportunity to obtain a good education and to develop a strong character.

We commend the needs of the college to men of wealth as an opportunity of investing money where it will bring large dividends in well trained men and women, who will be constructive factors and redemptive forces in church and state,

We commend the vigorous supervision of President Cowling, and the wise business administration of the Board of Trustees, and pledge them our hearty support and co-operation in the further enlargement of the college.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. MILLER, Chairman.
A. W. ROSS,
W. J. ROBB,
O. A. BARNES,
L. A. LIPPET,
G. P. SHERIDAN,
G. L. TREAT,
W. M. SWANN,
A. E. GREGORY,
T. W. HOWARD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WINDOM COLLEGE.

Having a high regard for President Cowling and a profound admiration and respect for Carleton College, where a number of my young relatives and friends have graduated and made good in useful callings, and having attended the State Conference last year, I was especially glad, although surprised, to be selected by the conference to visit Windom College, for it had been many years since I had seen the beginning of Windom Institute, and I was anxious to see whether our Congregational Churches had another college on the beautiful bluffs of Montevideo for which they could rightfully feel warmly thankful, or only a struggling enterprise which we must all view with anxiety, lest its pathetic appeals for assistance should wrench our hearts while our heads warned us that it must prove foolish, if not wrong, to turn any of our dollars, so hard to save, from many worthy causes, to still the annual wailing of a new educational infant, about whose right to live good people had expressed grave doubt, to say the least. So I gladly borrowed enough for a ticket to Montevideo, and arrived the day before the college began its fall term. Pres. Morley received me kindly, as he had done twenty-nine years before when I first came to Minnesota to engage in Home Missionary work. I also talked with Dr. Bailey, the local business manager, with two of the trustees and with other leading citizens, and made the following discoveries:

Windom College is an assured fact. It became so when the citizens of Montevideo and vicinity pledged $51,000.00 in the form of interest-bearing notes toward the endowment. This gave large faith in the college to other donors, so that the gift of Mr. James J. Hill, of $50,000.00, conditioned on the raising of an endowment of $250,000, will in all human probability soon be secured. Furthermore, the trustees believe that a reasonable appreciation of what has already been accomplished on the part of the friends of the college will secure an endowment of $500,000.00 by the year 1920.

Outside of Montevideo, the donors have been largely those who have never before been approached in behalf of Christian education in Minnesota.

There are eleven teachers, including four in the school of music. I met some of them and was impressed with their earnest spirit and their evident refinement. Mrs. Martha M. Winans is the new preceptress, a lady of mature experience and kindly manner.

Mr. Chas. M. Way is a recent acquisition to the faculty. He is a young man of fine Christian character, a graduate of Beloit, and an experienced Y. M. C. A. worker. His influence over young men cannot fail to be most helpful. Although his specialty is biology, he will help in other teaching, as needed.

I was impressed by the evident pride in the college felt by the town, and with the college spirit among the students evinced by admirable literary and musical programs, and a college yell.

Many of the students are from homes which would never send their

boys and girls to the Twin Cities, or to Chicago, Fargo or Carleton. The train runs fast for four or five hours to reach Montevideo from Minneapolis. Minnesota has nearly half the area of the German Empire with its 65,000,000 population. We have 2,000,000 now, but in twenty-five years we have every reason to believe these millions will be multiplied.

How thankful we ought to be that with little, if any, effort on the part of most of us, such a plant has been presented to the denomination. If someone should give a $50,000.00 church to one of our growing towns we would all sing for joy, but a Christian college, even with small endowment, has a wider range of influence for good than most churches can hope to secure, appealing as it does to a more varied constituency and building character daily by the influence and teaching of trained Christian experts.

Whatever may be the difficulties before Windom College in trying to secure the many things which every college needs, I am convinced, in view of its location, the certain development of this great state, and the character of its present human organization, that few, if any, of the best colleges and universities of the world had a better start.

Rev. E. F. WHEELER, New Ulm.
Rev. A. A. SECORD, Glenwood.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMISSION.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 25, 1914.

To the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota:

On October 7, 1913, the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, it appears that questions of importance have arisen which deeply involve the educational interests of Minnesota Congregationalism, and in which there appears to be a possible conflict of interest between Carleton and Windom Colleges and

"Whereas, it is desirable that such questions should be considered and passed upon with the least possible delay;

"Therefore, resolved, that the undersigned, pastors and members of Congregational churches in Minneapolis and St. Paul (see page 11 of 1913 Minutes), respectfully recommend to the State Association the appointment of a select Commission of Fifteen to investigate the questions referred to, to hear representatives from the trustees of Windom and Carleton Colleges and to publish their report within sixty days."

The members of the commission as appointed, were: Cyrus Northrop, Minneapolis; Rev. H. E. Chapman, Waterville; Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona; Rev. H. P. Dewey, Minneapolis; H. T. Eddy, Minneapolis; J. D. Humphrey, St. Paul; Rev. F. E. Knopf, Austin; Rev. G. P. Merrill, Minneapolis; A. A. Miller, Crookston; J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; Rev. A. A. Secord, Glenwood; E. S. Slater, Minneapolis; Rev. S. G. Smith, St. Paul; Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City, and W. F. Webster, Minneapolis.

Two meetings were held, attended by nine and twelve members. Notification of both meetings was sent to Pres. Cowling and Pres. Morley. Written statements and printed documents, as well as oral presentations were received from both institutions. The hearings were separate. A sub-committee visited Montevideo and reported its findings to the commission. There was correspondence with Secretaries Tead and Clifton of the Congregational Education Society.

The expenses of the commission have been paid by the Conference Treasurer and were:

Railroad fare of members outside Twin Cities	$40.44
Expenses of sub-committee visiting Montevideo	17.19
Telephone and postage	1.63
Total	$59.26

Letters in agreement with our report are on file from

C. G. Schulz, State Superintendent of Education.

G. B. Aiton, State Inspector of High Schools.

E. T. Critchett, Assistant Inspector of State High and Graded Schools.

P. A. Challman, State Commissioner of School Buildings.

On Dec. 8, 1913, our report was drawn, and every member of the commission except one have in writing or by vote approved the same. Copies were immediately given to Presidents Cowling and Morley, to the Minneapolis Daily News, Tribune and Journal, to Congregational Minnesota, to The Advance and The Congregationalist and the Christian World, and to Secretary Tead of the Education Society.

The findings of the commission as published are:

First. That the policy of the Congregational churches of Minnesota has been to support one college.

Second. That no reason has been found for departure from this recorded policy.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. DEVITT, Chairman.

GEORGE PLUMER MERRILL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION.

The report of your Committee on the Interdenominational Commission of Minnesota will be very brief as very little has been accomplished during the year in the interests of the commission. The commission, indeed, has been practically defunct. Your committee has expected during the year that it would be called into conference concerning matters of mutual concern to the denominations, but no meeting was called. The first of September, feeling that something ought to be done to get the members of this commission together, your committee asked for a meeting and it was called. The Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational denominations were represented. All present believed with conviction that there was imperative need for this commission and plans were discussed and adopted for securing the enlistment and co-operation of all the evangelical Protestant denominations in its particular field of service.

There is great need that this commission be active and aggressive. In the interests of the Lord's kingdom, in the interests of efficiency and economy in the administration of the funds of the various denominational missionary boards, there should be some body representing the Protestant churches that would have power to decide all questions pertaining to overchurched communities, the properly churching of unchurched communities, and the prevention and cessation of duplicating work on mission fields and elsewhere. There is a growing spirit among the various denominations that seeks not competition but co-operation and, without doubt, for the ensuing year the commission will find its true place and function in the work of the churches.

Your committee recommends:

1. In order to broaden and deepen the spirit of Christian fellowship and to make interdenominational comity the instinctive and inevitable expression of this spirit, that we appoint for the year 1915 a fraternal delegate to each of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian bodies of this state, and invite similar representatives from their communions to address the next meeting of our State Conference.

2. That representatives from our State Conference on this commission be continued.

EVERETT LESHER,
H. K. PAINTER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

The Constitution of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota states: "That it be the function of this board to act as a consulting body, and a bureau of information in regard to all the Congregational interests in the state; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the Advisory Committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to our churches and ministers; to be ready to advise and assist, on application, in the bringing together of churches and ministers, and to act as a bureau of supply; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local committees, or by the churches or ministers; and in general, to aim to consolidate and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the pastorate, and to quicken the fellowship united action of all."

Now, the fact is that the advice of the board has not been sought by any of the Congregational interests in the state, nor by the Advisory Committee in the local associations, nor in bringing together of churches and ministers, consequently there has not been any meeting of the board during the year.

Whether nothing has transpired that would properly come before the board or if other agencies were employed to do its work we are not able to state. Perhaps a clearer understanding should be had as to the real province of the Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. MILLER,
F. E. KNOPF,
L. F. JOHN,
Committee.

REPORT OF STATE BENEVOLENCE TREASURER

Minneapolis, Minn., October 1, 1914.

Mr. Moderator and Members of the Minnesota Congregational Conference:

I beg to submit herewith my report of the receipts and disbursements as Treasurer of Benevolence, Minnesota State Apportionment Committee, showing total receipts of $11,173.31, and disbursements of $11,099.54, for the year ending October 1st, 1914.

Report is as follows:

Receipts.

Balance, Oct. 1, 1913.....	$ 1.52	Mapleton	57.50
Alexandria	841.00	Gaylord	56.90
Plainview	100.00	Belview	8.10
Detroit	25.00	Benson	50.00
Fairmont	130.83	Robbinsdale	40.00
Fergus Falls	93.00	Brownton	16.00
University Ave., St. Paul..	21.53	Faribault	716.72
Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis	250.00	International Falls	18.25
Freeborn	14.88	Verndale	2.45
Lynnhurst, Minneapolis ..	125.00	Stewart	3.60
Montevideo	106.50	Cyril, St. Paul.....	33.00
Mankato	58.00	Cannon Falls	70.37
Marshall	100.00	Medford	112.00
Marietta	58.50	Biwabik	26.50
Minnehaha, Minneapolis ..	9.95	Birchdale	6.25
Olivet, St. Paul	1.082.62	Madison	45.00
Pacific, St. Paul	8.90	Sleepy Eye	12.00
Glencoe	41.06	Watonwan	4.90
Silver Lake	141.00	Comfrey	10.00
St. Anthony Park	418.79	Austin	37.90
St. Louis Park	77.24	Dexter	10.00
Glenwood	64.47	Groveland	33.00
Springfield	18.22	Como, Minneapolis	364.46
Wayzata	136.95	Argyle	13.00
Waseca	41.50	Anoka	45.00
Pilgrim, Duluth	2,195.00	Excelsior	247.54
Wadena	26.76	Rose Creek	10.00
Ada	62.53	Brainerd	30.85
Dawson	20.00	Immanuel, St. Paul.....	27.40
Worthington	200.00	Dodge Center	8.00
Vine, Minneapolis	32.87	Monticello	34.45
Morristown, Minn.	14.00	Fifth Ave., Minneapolis...	160.00
Spring Valley	188.27	Glyndon	6.00
First, Minneapolis	894.61	Forest Heights, Min'polis	225.00
New Ulm	86.51	Bagley	25.00
Park Ave., Minneapolis...	462.08	Ellsworth	31.00
Fremont Ave., Minneapolis	415.00		
Appleton	11.08	Total.....	$11,173.31

Disbursements.

American Board	$2,381.86	American Missionary Association	590.86
Women's Board Missions of Interior	1,443.66	Ministerial Relief	229.77
Minn. Congregational Missionary Society	3,205.37	Minneapolis Congregational Union—Special Remittance received from Lynnhurst Congregational Church	50.00
Women's Home Missionary Union	1,442.01	Expense, Printing Statements	2.75
Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society	641.32	Balance on Hand, October 1, 1914	73.77
Congregational Church Biulding Society	704.20		
Congregational Educational Society	407.74	Total	$11,173.31

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. DECKER,
Treasurer of State Benevolence,
Minnesota State Apportionment Committee.

CONSTITUTION

NAME.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

OBJECT.

Art. 2. It disclaims all ecclesiastical power or authority, but aims to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

DOCTRINE.

Art. 3. It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1883.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 4. Any minister who is a member of a Congregational conference in this state shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also two delegates from each church connected with such conference, with an additional delegate for each fifty resident members after the first hundred, conference registrars, officers of the Association, members of its standing committees, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the nominating committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership except voting.

OFFICERS.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot, after previous nomination by an informal ballot; an Assistant Scribe, and Auditor, chosen annually viva voce, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and may also be Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

COMMITTEES

Art. 6. The standing committees of this Association to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, of which the minister of the church with which the annual meeting is held shall be a member, a Committee of Finance and Printing, a Sunday School Committee and a Committee on Historical Matter, of three members each, one of whom shall be chosen annually to serve three years, and a Committee on Carleton College, including the Moderator of the Association, with one representative from each Conference, chosen for three years and after first election one-third to be chosen each year. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years.

For each annual meeting there shall be Committees of three each, on Nominations, on Place and Preacher, on Resolutions, and on Credentials.

This Association shall elect an Advisory Board of five members, of which the Home Missionary Superintendent shall be a member EX OFFICIO, the other four members to be elected as follows: The first year four members to be elected, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and thereafter one to be elected each year to serve for four years.

That it be the function of this board to act as a consulting body, and a bureau of information in regard to all the Congregational interests in the state; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the Advisory Committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to our churches and ministers; to be ready to advise and assist, on application, in the bringing together of churches and ministers, and to act as a bureau of supply; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local committees, or by the churches or ministers; and in general, to aim to consolidate and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the pastorate, and to quicken the fellowship united action of all.

PROVIDED, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

TIME OF MEETING.

Art. 7. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on the first Tuesday in October and close as directed by the Business Committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the Moderator, Secretary, Chairman of the Business Committee, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

AMENDMENTS AND RULES.

Art. 8. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

Any rule of the Association may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the conference to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Moderator, on the opening day of the annual meeting at which he presides, shall deliver an address upon the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

7. The Secretary shall collect statistics from the conferences and churches, shall record and report to the Moderator events of special significance in the work of the year, as reported by the registrars, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, for which service he may receive reasonable compensation.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars the funds due this body from conferences, according to the appointment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Moderator at the opening session, shall nominate all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make all local provision for the annual meeting.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each, ordinarily, to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot after nomination by informal ballot to represent the Congregational churches of the State at the National Council.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

YEAR		PLACE	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1:4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4:7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11:15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Seccombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3:8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55:10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4:6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2:18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17:20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14:10.
10	65	Minneapolis ...	Bro. R. G. Lincoln.....	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2:1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33:8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D..	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19:11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40:3: 42:5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4:22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4:28.
16	71	St. Anthony...	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D..	Rev. C. C. Salter, D.D.; Isa. 40:3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D.D.; Rom. 1:16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D.D.; Phil. 2:15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D.D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6:9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis ...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D....	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1:16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams,D.D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3:8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4:2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16:19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis ...	Hon. A. H. Young.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.; Heb. 11:1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D.; Matt. 23:8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D.D.; Matt. 11:4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D.; Matt. 16:14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw,D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.; Isa. 50:4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery.	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1:21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D.D.; Jer. 32:8.
31	86	Minneapolis ...	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D.D.; I Tim. 1:19.
32	87	Fergus Falls...	Prof. Geo. Huntington...	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor. 2:2
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D.D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2:15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D.D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5:13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D.D.; Rom. 1:15.
37	92	Minneapolis ...	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14:12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D.D...	Rev. L. L. West, D.D.; Mark 13:37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12:32.
40	95	Alexandria	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D.D.; Matt. 6:11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1:9.
42	97	Montevideo ...	Dean Horace Goodhue...	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24:36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8:19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith..	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10:21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D.D....	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19:10.
46	01	Minneapolis ...	Hon. D. P. Jones.....	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9; Num.23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls...	Rev. Alexander Milne....	Rev. Herman P. Fisher; Acts 13:2.
48	03	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D.D...	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller.....	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D.D.; 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Oehler.....	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins; Acts 1:14.
51	06	Minneapolis ...	Dean W. S. Pattee.....	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LL.D.; Luke 12:15.
52	07	New Ulm.....	Rev. Willis A. Warren...	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault	Walter N. Carroll.....	Rev. Alexander Milne; Hebs. 12:27.
54	09	Minneapolis ...	Rev. R. P. Herrick, D.D..	Rev. Harry P. Dewey, D.D.; John 1:14-16.
55	10	Crookston	Pres. Chas. W. Cooper..	Rev. Clement G. Clarke, D.D.; Luke 6:12.
56	11	Alexandria	Rev. John H. Albert.....	Pres. Donald J. Cowling, I John 4:8.
57	12	Northfield	Hon. David P. Jones....	Rev. Frank E. Knopf; John 5:19.
58	13	Minneapolis ...	Harry P. Dewey.....	Rev. Theophilus S. Devitt; Rom. 10:10.
59	14	Wadena	Lowell E. Jepson.....	Rev. C. N. Thorp; Matt. 5:17.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe .....1856—1870
Rev. R. Hall .....1871—1875
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1882—1889
Bro. W. Cheney .....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901—1910
" Rev. M. B. Morris.....1910—

ASSOCIATIONS

I. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: June, 1915.

REGISTRAR: Geo. L. Treat.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Mrs. W. F. Dougherty, Geo. L. Treat, B. W. Barker.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	190	Deacon Geo. L. Treat	Frederick Osten-Sacken
Big Lake	58	Albert J. Johnson	.....
Burtrum	26	Mrs. Jessie A. Krousey	Herman T. Krousey
Cable	22	Mrs. M. Scherfenberg (a)	.....
Clarissa	19	Mrs. G. T. Morey	James Carter, M. E. (b)
Clearwater	73	Mrs. Carrie M. Finch	.....
Culdrum, Swedish	30	Fred Bergstrom (c)	J. Albert Peterson (d)
Glenwood	127	Mrs. Alice Grant	Alfred A. Secord (e)
Hasty	47	Mrs. E. D. Sheldon (f)	.....
Little Falls	204	Miss Sadie Fuller	.....
Little Falls, Swedish	11	Jacob A. Peterson	J. Albert Peterson
Monticello	92	B. M. Barker	Henry Holmes (g)
Orrock	7	Grace Craig (g)	.....
Pillsbury	...	.....	Herman T. Krousey
Rose Creek	24	Mrs. C. V. Lynde	J. B. Thompson
Round Prairie	40	Mrs. E. S. Bateman (h)	.....
St. Cloud, Swedish	91	Emil Satterberg	Ernest V. Bjorklund
Sauk Center	140	Deacon James A. Norris	William J. Brown (i)
Sauk Rapids	46	Mrs. Jennie Hodgin	William H. Gimblett
Swanville	11	.....	Herman T. Krousey (i)
Villard	...	.....	.....
Wondel Brook	25	Manuel Ekstrand, (j) R. 4.	Samuel Arnquist (j)

(a) St. Cloud, R. F. D. (b) Eagle Bend (c) Little Falls, R. 2 (d) Little Falls
(e) Alexandria (f) Clearwater (g) Big Lake
(h) Long Prairie, R. F. D. (i) Mora (j) Milaca

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Frank Atkinson, Clinton A. Billig, N. J. Boline, W. J. Brown, David Donovan, Henry Holmes, H. T. Krousey, A. J. Moncol, George F. Morton, John Rood, Charles M. Stevens, Alfred A. Secord and Paul Winter.

II. DULUTH ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: To be held with Superior Convention of Wisconsin.
MODERATOR: Rev. W. E. Hammond.
REGISTRAR: Rev. Harry R. Harris.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Charles N. Thorp, Mr. Christian Bruhn, Rev. Geo. Phil. Sheridan.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitkin	41	A. L. Hamilton	William E. Hammond
Backus	30	Moses Zaffke	.....
Biwabik	47	Dr. C. W. Bray	Harry R. Harris
Brainerd, First	129	Percy W. Donovan	Geo. Phil. Sheridan
Brainerd, People's	27	Mrs. Alice J. Green	David T. Jenkins, Staples
Duluth, Pilgrim	472	Brewer Mattocks, Jr.	Charles N. Thorp
Duluth, Fond du Lac, Hope	24	James W. Russell	Harry R. Harris
Federal Dam	...	.....	.....
Grand Marais	17	James Scott	.....
Hackensack	11	W. E. Bodenhofer	.....
Remer	16	Mrs. C. A. Lewis	Omer G. Mason
Walker	22	Geo. Michael	Geo. Michael

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Jeremiah Kimball, Geo. Michael, Henry M. Pinkerton, Harry R. Harris, Oscar Arvid Granholm, Geo. Phil. Sheridan, Charles N. Thorp, William E. Hammond.

III. MANKATO ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: May, 1915.
MODERATOR: Rev. A. W. Ross, Worthington.
REGISTRAR AND TREASURER: Rev. Arthur G. Young, Mapleton.
CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. Wm. E. Griffith, Waseca.
CHAIRMAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Thos. W. Barbour, Fairmont.
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE: Rev. A. W. Ross, Worthington.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Belgrade	60	Mrs. F. E. Jefferson (a)	Geo. E. Brown (a)
Cambria, Salem	94	E. L. Harris (b)	Wm. O. Jones (b)
Center Chain, Fairmont	...	Miss Myra L. Shipman	.....
Ceylon, Federated	18	Mrs. Henry Christensen	.....
Edgerton	82	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	Geo. C. Lee (M. E.)
Ellsworth	19	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	.....
Elmore	39	Clarence O'Hara	.....
Fairmont	214	Mrs. Allan Burdick	Thos. W. Barbour
Freeborn	77	Mrs. Abby Olson	.....
Freedom, Pemberton	7	Mrs. Wm. Griffiths	.....
Granada	42	Mrs. Sarah E. Rice	.....
Kasota	48	John F. Olin (c)	Andrew W. Nordin
Mankato, First	180	Mrs. Thos. Hughes	Edward Constant
Mankato, Second	58	C. J. Bengtson (d)	Carl L. Anderson
Mapleton	106	Mrs. L. W. Krueger	Arthur G. Young
Matawan, Wells	35	Mrs. Edward Weise (e)	.....
New Richland	59	Mrs. Gertrude Gage	Edmund Larke
St. Clair	...	.....	.....
Sherburn	42	Wm. F. Brundage	.....
Waseca	102	J. A. Erickson	Wm. E. Griffith
Worthington	91	Deacon George O. Moore	Andrew W. Ross

(a) Mankato, R. F. D. 6 (b) New Ulm, R. F. D. 5 (c) State Hospital, St. Peter
(d) Mankato (e) Wells

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IV. MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Park Avenue Church, Minneapolis, May 4, 1915.
CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Alvin C. Bacon, 1623 Park Ave. So.
MODERATOR: T. H. Colwell, 314 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis.
REGISTRAR: Rev. Ernest E. Day, 4033 Upton Ave. So., Minneapolis.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Jas. T. Elwell, S. W. Pond, J. P. Miller, the Moderator, the Registrar.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	173	Edward L. Curial	C. J. Greenwood
Brownton	50	Mrs. John S. West	Mrs. W. T. Dawson, Supply
*Edina	43	Miss Frances Kell	Edward W. Hale
Elk River	140	Mrs. A. W. T. Nickerson	O. M. Snyder
Excelsior	219	Miss Ella M. Stratton	A. M. Hanson
Fair Oaks (Anoka, R. F. D.)	9	Mrs. F. A. Blanchard	(No minister)
Gaylord	51	Warner Larson	(No minister)
Glencoe	146	L. W. Gilbert	Langdon W. Sowles
Groveland	32	Mrs. Ida C. Waters (a)	H. C. Payne
Hutchinson	103	Arthur W. Mergen	Horace S. Wiley
Milaca	37	Mrs. Grace King	H. W. Richardson
Minnewashta	43	Clarence R. Empsey (b)	(No minister)
Minneapolis—First	323	H. E. Blackburn	Harry Deiman
Plymouth	1175	Geo. W. Wakefield	Harry P. Dewey
Park Avenue	749	G. W. Teltsworth	Alvin C. Bacon
Pilgrim	554	E. C. Scarborough	John P. Miller
Vine	111	J. W. Parsons	Kimball K. Clark
Como Avenue	185	Alice Silloway	B. A. G. Willoughby
Union, St. Louis Park	99	Mrs. S. F. Hamilton	Wm. J. Warner
Open Door		Mrs. G. A. Hunt	Federated—M. B. Irvine
Lyndale	483	Lawrence Davenport	Reuben J. Goddard
Fremont Avenue	224	E. A. Swayne	Edward A. Drake
Fifth Avenue	426	L. R. Whiting	Perry A. Sharpe
Mizpah, Hopkins	35	Mrs. H. D. Truman	(No minister)
Bethany	86	John Hodgson	James W. Morehouse
Robbinsdale	119	Henry A. Morse	James E. Ball
Lowry Hill	375	Adelbert H. Taylor	John W. Powell
Lynnhurst	243	Wm. C. Hoibrook,	(No minister)
Oak Park	89	Wm. J. Steinmetz	Clement C. Campbell
Forest Heights	252	Miss C. Monica Ralph	George Plumer Merrill
Temple, Swedish	377	Geo. Anderson	
Thirty-Eighth St. (Northrop)	104	D. E. Loomis	(No minister)
Linden Hills	375	J. Frank Campbell	Ernest E. Day
Minnehaha	63	Mrs. Earl M. Birdsahl	Paul S. Nweeya
Morningside	35	Fred S. Grant	Edward W. Hale
New Brighton	23	Shirley W. Reasoner	(No minister)
Princeton	142	Miss Anna Sadley	Samuel Johnson
Sandstone	9	August Waldon	(No minister)
Silver Lake	113	Josef Uherka	Edmund Wibitzky
Spencer Brook	38	A. Dunder	H. Martin Olson
Stewart	18	Mrs. Laura Eynon	Mrs. W. T. Dawson, Supply
Wayzata	93	Mrs. Mary Linscog	Peter A. Cool

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V. MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: June, 1915.

REGISTRAR: Rev. F. S. Wheeler.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, F. C. Robbins.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alberta	40	.....	.....
Appleton	41	Mrs. B. W. Johnson	F. S. Wheeler
Belview	37	Mrs. Ina Adsit	(Supplied)
Benson	117	Miss Emma Benson	Squire Heath
Campbell	77	Miss Agnes Giddings	W. H. Johnson
Correll	14	Mrs. Jessie Hudson	F. S. Wheeler
Dawson	80	John W. Dale	W. H. Webster
Eldorado	27	.....	H. P. Long
Graceville	20	Mrs. C. S. Pierce	H. P. Long
Granite Falls	37	Miss Carrie D. Barnes	(Supplied)
Hancock	105	Mrs. A. F. McArthur	Hughes
Madison	79	Sever T. Nordgarden	J. H. Slaney
Marietta	52	Mrs. A. C. Miller	Paul Winter
Montevideo	149	Andrew M. Parks	Walter N. Swann
Morris	112	D. T. Wheaton	F. A. Stever
Nassau	16	Mrs. H. S. Bragg	B. L. Richardson
Ortonville	...	Ralph Burton	.....
Seaforth	...	.....	(No services)
Tintah	20	Mrs. R H. Cross	Alexander Thoms

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Kimball K. Clark, Squire Heath, N. E. Hannant, F. L. V. Meske, A. R. Larson, Walter M. Swann.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Bertha, May, 1915.

CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. Andrew Erickson.

REGISTRAR: C. R. Andrews.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: W. A. Hammett, Rev. L. A. Lippitt, Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, A. A. Miller, and Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Registrar, ex-officio.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Ada	91	B. F. Tenney	Horatio H. Simons
Akeley	23	Mrs. A. M. Davis	Allen Clark
Aldrich Bertha	28	Mrs. Hattie Han (a)	E. E. Lindsley
Audubon	...	...	...
Argyle	56	R. S. Buckingham	Fred Stilwell
Bagley	27	L. I. Robinson	...
Barnesville	68	Walter A. Lindquist	...
Beard Oberg	28	Mrs. Emma Halney	Geo. F. Morton
Bertha	23	H. O. LeGro	E. E. Lindsley
Calloway	5	...	...
Cass Lake	43	I. N. Lange	Geo. N. Peacock
Crookston	116	H. L. Marsh	Paul B. Albert
Detroit	155	Miss Bessie L. Furber	LaRoy A. Lippitt
Feltone	8	Mrs. O. Jones	...
Fergus Falls	67	Mrs. N. F. Field	...
Fertile	10	G. J. DeMars	...
Frontenac, Schoolcraft	...	...	...
Fosston	11	...	...
Glyndon	56	Mrs. W. Shave	R. G. Watson
Hawley	70	Adna Colburn	Wm. R. Ripon
Kragness	24	G. K. Gunderson (b)	...
Lake Park	27	Miss Ellen Smith	(No services)
Maple Bay	15	Mrs. L. A. Hunter	(No services)
Mahnomen	14	Mrs. Henry Birkett	Anders O. Kvass
McIntosh	9	Mrs. N. Yetterberg	W. W. Dale
Mentor	1	...	W. W. Dale
Moorhead	188	Mrs. Fred Stalley	D. F. Mowry
New York Mills	5	Mrs. Cora Lisk	Edwin E. Lindsley
Nymore	4	Mrs. Dan Diladeau	(No services)
Oaks Mound	...	Ernest Nelson (c)	...
Ogema	12	...	...
Park Rapids	29	...	James O. Fisher
Pelican Rapids	56	Mrs. L. Lightbody	T. A. Hawkes
Shevlin	...	Mrs. C. J. Lewis	(No services)
Staples	87	Miss Lucy A. Barrett	D. T. Jenkins
Turtle River	...	...	(No services)
Ulen	...	Mrs. C. S. Lofgren	...
Wadena	139	D. E. Wagner	...
Waubun	18	...	Anders O. Kvass
Wolverton	5	...	...

(a) Verndale (b) Moorhead, R. F. D. 1 (c) Moorhead, R. F. D.

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VII. RAINY RIVER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: August, 1915.

MODERATOR: Rev. T. W. Howard.

REGISTRAR: Rev. F. D. White.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. T. W. Howard, Rev. F. D. White.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Baudette	42	.....	F. D. White
Birchdale	37	.....	Thos. W. Howard
Birchdale Swedish	6	.....	.....
Cedar Spur	10	.....	Walter B. Beach (Lic)
International Falls, Bethlehem	12	Albert E. Anderson	E. L. Heermance

VIII. ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Emmanuel Church, St. Paul, May 18-19, 1915.

MODERATOR: Rev. W. C. A. Wallar.

REGISTRAR: Rev. O. C. Clark.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: John Street, J. D. Humphrey, Rev. L. F. John and the Moderator and Registrar, ex-officio.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Cannon Falls	131	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford	.....
Cannon Falls Swedish	29	John J. Carlson	.....
Cottage Grove	60	John P. Furber	.....
Faribault	412	Prof. J. J. Dahl	Lewis F. John
Lake City—First	228	Mrs. Chas. E. Dutcher	Wm. C. A. Wallar
Lake City—Second	45	Chas. Benson	J. Martin Peterson
Lakeland	8	Miss Anna Rockstroh	(No minister)
Marine Mills	...	Percy Empson	(No services)
North Branch	70	Thos. J. Horton	.....
Northfield	637	Mrs. Carrie E. Ellis	Edwin B. Dean
St. Paul—Plymouth	487	Howard L. Collins	Parley P. Womer
Pacific	169	Roy B. Million	(No minister)
Atlantic	300	Herbert B. Chapman	Wm. J. Robb
St. Anthony Park	179	Henry L. Hunter	Geo. W. Davis
Emmanuel	82	.....	Wilbur N. Page
Bethany	105	Edward Hyde	.....
Olivet, Merriam Park	356	Wm. R. Nicoll	Geo. M. Miller
South Park	41	Mrs. Maurice Noul	Maurice B. Morris
Peoples	625	Leonard A. Straight	Samuel G. Smith
University Avenue	128	Elmer Herrick	Orville C. Clark
Hazel Park	...	.....	(Supplied)
Peoples German	116	August Luedeman	Emil L. F. Warkentien
Cyril	43	Miss Josephine Strand	Chas. J. Trcka
Forest Street	69	.....	(Supplied)
Stillwater	55	Geo. Krueger	(Supplied)
Sunrise	...	.....	(No services)
Wabasha	110	C. H. Robinson	.....

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IX. SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Rochester, May 11-12, 1915.

CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. H. C. Todd.

REGISTRAR: Rev. John A. Hughes.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Frank E. Knopf, Rev. A. E. Gregory, Rev. T. S. Devitt, J. A. Sawyer, Rev. J. A. Hughes, H. C. Ballow, Rev. W. W. Blair, Edgar Greening.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Austin	466	Mrs. L. A. Sherman	A. E. Gregory
Claremont Street	9	Mrs. Sophia S. Dodge	Colin Bain (a)
Dexter	36	Mrs. S. J. Emery	John A. Hughes
Dodge Center	79	Miss Anna E. Stockman	Colin Bain
Grand Meadow	62	Dr. E. J. Van Bronhorst	John A. Hughes
Lyle	63	Wm. Nordland	W. N. Evans
Mantorville	99	Mrs. Geo. H. Parker	.....
Mazeppa	...	Mrs. J. W. Kingsley	.....
Medford	68	Daniel A. McKinley	Paul R. Muller
Morristown	39	Mrs. W. B. Adams	.....
Owatonna	277	Dr. R. F. Weeks	Chas. A. Stroup
Plainview	103	Bernhart E. Rohweder	Henry C. Todd
Rochester	292	Robert Hall	.....
Spring Valley	176	W. L. Kellogg	.....
St. Charles	82	Albert F. Kuebler	W. Walter Blair
Stewartville	80	Mrs. Jas. E. Brown	Claude E. Sayre
Taopi	10	Alonzo Jay	Jas. B. Thompson
Waterville	51	Mrs. R. C. Germaine	.....
Winona—First	430	Geo. Baumgartner	Theophilus S. Devitt
Lakeside Scandinavian	...	Rasmus Nelson	C. Kjeldgaard
Zumbro Falls	14	Miss Nellie Disney	A. B. Gould
Zumbrota	74	Mrs. Emma Freeman	.....

(a) Dodge Center

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: W. Walter Blair, A. T. Chapman, John H. Barnett, Colin Bain, F. C. Emerson, Frank E. Knopf, A. McBride, Jas. B. Thompson, John A. Hughes, Alfred E. Gregory, Henry C. Todd, John J. Hales, Theo. S. Devitt, J. L. Countermine, A. B. Gould, A. C. Woodcock, Samuel Johnson.

X. WESTERN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING: Marshall, June 8-10, 1915.

MODERATOR: Rev. O. M. Snyder.

CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. W. A. Bockoven.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Edward F. Wheeler.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Rev. O. A. Barnes and Rev. D. F. Wheeler.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Comfrey	15	Dr. D. A. Herron	W. H. Nye
Cornish, Winthrop	8	Chas. W. Anderson (a)	Orville A. Barnes (b)
Custer, Garvin	35	Henry D. Morgan	J. P. Varner
Garvin	66	P. O. Anderson	J. P. Varner
Lake Benton	29	Amos Porter	
Arco	25	Mrs. Edward Blegen	E. C. Nelson (Baptist)*
Lamberton	37		
Marshall	210	Miss Frances Harrington	Wm. A. Bockoven
New Ulm	78	Herman Held	Edward F. Wheeler
Selma, (Comfrey)	30	David Anderson	W. H. Nye
Sleepy Eye	120	Dr. W. Downds	Cecil S. Sparks
Springfield	34	F. H. Specht	
Tyler	19	Miss Agnes Nelson	W. J. Conrad, Supply
Walnut Grove	62	Fred Schauer	H. N. Hanson, Baptist, Lic.
Winthrop	84	John W. Merhof	Orville A. Barnes

(a) Gibbon, R. F. D. (b) Winthrop

*Co-operative plan of work with Baptists.

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These will be sent to the churches not later than the last week in December, and should be returned, WITH EVERY QUESTION ANSWERED, by the clerk or pastor, EARLY IN JANUARY, 1916.

The Association of October, 1909, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the reports from the churches of this State for the Year Book, in order to secure publication, must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 1st of February each year, and that notice of this action be sent to every church each year with the schedule.

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Time—Last Tuesday in September, 1916

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International Falls—Rev. E. L. Heermance.

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Lake City—Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Helen M. Wallar, Mrs. A. H. Neal.
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Montevideo—Pres. John H. Morley.
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St. Paul—Rev. Everett Lesher.

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Rev. J. H. Hjetland, Winthrop.
Rev. Earle A. Munger, Winnepeg, Can.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Edwin B. Dean, Northfield, in The Waseca Church on Tuesday, October 5th, 1915, at 2 p. m.

The Devotional Service, conducted by Rev. Alfred E. Gregory, of Austin, centered about vs. 3 and 4 of Psalms 24. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity." The hymns, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, Zion City of Our God" and "We're Marching to Zion," were used and Revs. Southgate, Morris and Gregory led us in prayer.

Rev. H. R. Harris, Madison, was chosen Assistant Scribe, and Moderator Dean appointed Rev. Samuel Johnson, Princeton; Rev. B. M. Southgate, Rochester, tellers to assist the Secretary in making out the Conference Roll. He also announced the Nominating Committee: Chairman Rev. E. A. Drake, Minneapolis; Rev. E. L. Heermance, International Falls; Rev. J. A. Hughes, Grand Meadow; Rev. Warren Upham, St. Paul; R. K. Whiteley, Brainerd.

A letter of regret from Rev. C. B. Fellows, Minneapolis, expressing his inability to be present on account of serious sickness, was read by the Moderator and the Secretary was instructed to extend Mr. Fellows our greeting and sympathy.

Assistant Moderator Francis D. White, Baudette, took the chair. The Business Committee reported the printed program, which was adopted.

The Pastor of the entertaining Church reported for the Committee of Arrangements.

The Moderator's address was upon the theme, "The Congregational Way."

The reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and Benevolence Treasurer were read and accepted, to be placed on file as audited. A partial report of the Equalization Fund was presented and by vote the Treasurer was empowered to hold this open for Churches to report their offerings. T. H. Colwell, Minneapolis; C. J. Hunt, St. Paul, and Superintendent Lesher were appointed as the Committee to arrange the distribution of the fund.

The Committee on The Preservation of Historical Matter read its report, which was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis, stated that the Advisory Board had not been called upon for advice and consequently could report no service rendered.

Upon suggestion of the Business Committee, Chairman Hunt, of the Committee on Organization and Unification, called attention to the salient points of the suggested New Constitution over which there was difference of opinion.

After announcement by the Moderator of Deacons J. D. Humphrey, St. Paul; Wm. L. McQueen, Mapleton, and C. J. Johnson and John Taft, Waseca, for service at the Communion, Rev. T. W. Howard, Birchdale, led in prayer and the conference adjourned at 4 p. m.

The evening session opened with a selection by the Orchestra. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following Committees were chosen:

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. T. W. Howard, Birchdale; Rev. Edw. Constant, Mankato; J. M. McBride, Minneapolis.

Committee on Credentials—Rev. W. J. Conard, Marshall; Rev. A. E. Gregory, Austin; Rev. W. W. Dale, McIntosh.

Committee on Place and Preacher—Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, Minneapolis; Rev. G. P. Sheridan, Brainerd; Mrs. J. H. Seath, Freeborn.

We were prepared for the Sermon and Table by two anthems by the Double Quartet of Ladies, the Reading of Ephesians 2, by Rev. Edw. Constant, Mankato, Prayer by Rev. Walter M. Swann, Montevideo, and the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis, preached upon the theme, "The Christ-Center of the Bible;" the text being Col. 3:10 and 1 Cor. 2:2.

The congregation joined in singing "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," and Rev. E. M. Williams, Northfield, Rev. James Earl, Minneapolis, presided at the Table of Remembrance. One verse of "Rock-of-Ages" was sung. After a brief statement by Secretary Morris, of the Minnesota Board of Ministerial Relief, an offering of $63.95 was received.

With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the Benediction by Rev. H. P. Dewey, Minneapolis, Conference adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY.

The morning session of the second day of the Conference was called to order at 8:40 o'clock by the Moderator. Rev. E. L. Heermance, International Falls, led in prayer.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved. A Partial Roll of persons present was read by the Secretary. Rev. G. P. Sheridan, Brainerd, Chairman of the Committee on Carleton College, presented its report, which was accepted and ordered filed.

Rev. A. C. Bacon, Minneapolis, the visitor to Chicago Theological Seminary, sent his report, which by vote was accepted and placed on file. It was read by the Assistant Scribe and followed by an address from Professor Frank G. Ward, of the Seminary.

Upon request of the Moderator, Mr. T. H. Colwell, Minneapolis, made

explanatory statements regarding "Congregational Minnesota" and the Transportation Equalization Fund.

Upon recommendation of the Resolutions Committee it was voted to adopt the following:

Resolved, "That it is the sense of this Conference that every Congregational Minister in Minnesota ought to secure as large a club as possible for our State Paper, 'Congregational Minnesota.' It is a helper in our State Work that we cannot afford to be without and it is not fair for us to allow the publisher to give us this publication as he has done at a heavy financial loss."

The Devotional Half-hour, opened with the hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy," was led by Rev. F. D. White, Baudette, centered about "Christ's Standard of Service," as suggested in Matt. 25:31-46, and was closed with prayer by Revs. Willoughby and White and the hymn of consecration, "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

An address, "Our State University and Congregational Students," was given by Rev. Harry Deiman, Minneapolis, followed by discussion by Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, Minneapolis, who presented the following resolution:

Resolved, "That this State Conference does hereby endorse the proposed plan of engaging a Congregational Student Pastor to work at the State University and that we appropriate Five Hundred ($500) dollars for this purpose on condition that One Thousand ($1,000) dollars be raised elsewhere." Action was deferred and the matter of the money part was referred for consideration to the Committee on Finance and Printing.

Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City, presented his report of the Interdenominational Commission recommending the reappointment of representatives from this Conference upon the Commission. The report and its recommendations were adopted.

Pastors present, who had begun their work in the state since the last Conference were invited to rise, and were introduced.

Rev. J. H. Morley, Windom College, Montevideo, was greeted and a statement concerning the institution was read by Rev. B. A. G. Willoughby, Minneapolis.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, "That we express our hearty appreciation of the magnificent fight against the saloon, made by the people of Hennepin and other counties and that we hereby record our approval of an attempt to secure Statewide Prohibition at the earliest possible moment, and our promise to do all in our power to secure that object."

Rev. A. A. Thom, Tintah, led in prayer and Conference adjourned at 11:45 o'clock. At 1:30, Assistant Moderator White in the Chair, the Conference reconvened. In the Devotional Service, hymns, "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Break Thou the Bread of Life" and "Holy Ghost With Light Divine," were used and Rev. James Robert Smith, St. Paul, led us

in meditation upon the "Necessity of God's Spirit" as suggested by Gen. 11:1-9, part of Acts 1 and 2 and 1 Cor. 12.

The statement of the Chairman of the Committee on Organization and Unification, Mr. C. J. Hunt, St. Paul, was accepted as its report and was followed by statements from the Secretary of the Committee, Rev. E. B. Dean, Northfield, and some discussion. By common consent District Secretary Gammon, of the Sunday School and Publishing Society, addressed the Conference and upon motion it was unanimously voted that the Constitution as presented be adopted.

Motion was made and adopted that the Conference express to the members of the Committee on Organization and Unification its gratitude for their conscientious, painstaking, and successful labor in creating an amendment to the Constitution which promises in operation, to augment the usefulness of the Conference as an agent of the Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

The Moderator named the Committee of three required by the New Constitution, whose duty is to suggest the Permanent Nominating Committee of the Conference. Rev. E. A. Drake, Minneapolis; E. L. Heermance, International Falls; Rev. J. A. Hughes, Grand Meadow, composed the Committee.

The Permanent Nominating Committee recommended and elected is: Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City; Rev. E. L. Heermance, International Falls, one year; T. H. Colwell, Minneapolis; Rev. W. A. Bockhoven, Marshall; C. J. Hunt, St. Paul, two years.

Upon motion, as proposed by Rev. E. E. Day, Minneapolis, By-Law 1 was adopted, which reads, "In the election of Directors three at least shall be women."

J. H. Jepson, Minneapolis, was chosen as temporary Auditor for this session of Conference.

Upon recommendation of the Temporary Nominating Committee the following Honorary Members were elected: Prof. Frank G. Ward, Chicago; Rev. Charles E. Burton, New York; Mrs. Percy T. Watson, Shansi, China; Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago; Dr. Cyrus Northrop, Minneapolis.

Presented by the Resolutions Committee, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, "That this Conference recognize the unselfish and sacrificial action of the majority of our State representatives in the last legislature, in giving us the County Option law; and we are greatly honored in having at least one of these men a delegate of this Conference in the Hon. Henry Holmes, and we would be pleased to be addressed by him on the subject." Mr. Holmes declined to speak then, as he was to speak later.

At 3:45 p. m. Pres. Donald J. Cowling, Northfield, was introduced to speak on the "The Proposed Reorganization of Our Missionary Societies." The Conference first sung, "Lead Me, O My Saviour, Lead Me," at his

suggestion. After the address there were questions and upon motion the Conference recorded its approval of the Report to the National Council of the Commission on Missions.

The Permanent Nominating Committee reported its nomination for the Board of Directors and they were elected.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Directors at Large—

For two years—C. J. Hunt, A. P. Stacy, President D. J. Cowling.

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St. Paul.....Rev. E. B. Dean
Western.....Rev. W. A. Bockhoven

For three years—

Central.....G. L. Treat
Mankato.....Mrs. W. J. Richardson
Minnesota Valley.....Rev. W. A. Swann
Rainy River.....Rev. E. L. Heermance
Southeastern.....J. A. Sawyer

At 5:10 adjournment was taken, prayer being offered by Rev. C. N. Thorp, Duluth.

At the evening session we were favored with two selections by the Orchestra, two numbers by the Ladies Chorus and a solo.

Rev. J. E. Robinson, Northfield, read portions of Isa. 60, and Rev. E. T. Ferry, Fergus Falls, led in prayer.

Lieutenant Governor J. A. A. Burnquist, St. Paul, spoke on the subject, "The Church's Contribution to the State."

The Congregation sang two verses of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Cyrus Northrop, LL. D., Minneapolis, addressed the Conference upon "Christianity on Trial." After the hymn "Jesus Shall Reign," the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. J. Gray, Minneapolis, and Conference adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

THURSDAY.

At 8:30 o'clock the morning session of the third day was called to order by Assistant Moderator White and Rev. W. Walter Blair, Minneapolis, led in prayer.

Motion was made and adopted that the Rules and By-Laws of the previous Constitution, in so far as they do not conflict with the new Constitution be the Rules and By-Laws of this Conference.

Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 without change.

Rule 7, the word Secretary changed to Registrar and Association to Conference.

Rule 8, place word District before word Registrar and Board of Directors in place of Finance Committee.

Rule 9, word Association changed to Conference.

Rule 10, the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications and Pastoral Supply shall be the Committee on Credentials and propose the names of Honorary Members.

Rule 11, the Business Committee shall be the Committee of Arrangements.

Rule 12, Board of Directors be substituted for Committee on Finance and Printing.

Rules 13, same.

These rules as corrected were adopted.

Upon motion it was voted that at each annual meeting there shall be chosen the following Committees. Place and Preacher, Resolutions and Preservation of Historical Matter.

The Treasurer made a supplemental report on the Transportation Equalization Fund and, as audited, it was adopted.

The Sunday School Period was occupied, first, by the report of the State S. S. Committee, read by the chairman, Rev. E. A. Drake, Minneapolis.

Second. Report of acting Superintendent of C. S. S. and P. S., Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Minneapolis, both of which were adopted.

Third. An address by Rev. W. C. A. Waller, Lake City, "In Memoriam, Robert Parkinson Herrick," followed by prayer in which the Conference was led by Rev. Geo. Huntington, Northfield, and this address was ordered printed in the minutes.

Fourth. By an address upon "Problems of Grading," by District Superintendent of C. S. S. and Pub. Soc., Rev. Robert W. Gammon, of Chicago.

At 10:50 the Devotional Service opened with the hymn "Love Divine, All Love Excelling." Rev. H. P. Dewey, Minneapolis, read a few verses from John 14 and spoke on the work of the Holy Spirit. Rev. C. N. Thorp, Duluth, led in prayer and the Hymn was sung, "We may not climb the heavenly steeps."

The Special Committee on securing the balance of the $50,000 pledged by the Churches of the Conference to Carleton College Endowment, reported through its chairman, C. J. Hunt, St. Paul, recommending two resolutions which were adopted.

1. Resolved, "That this Conference approves the action of this Special Committee on Carleton College in borrowing $33,000 to cover the amount pledged by this Conference."

2. Resolved, "That this Conference request the Congregational Edu-

cation Society to permit the payment of $600 toward the interest on the loan of $33,000 out of its apportionment for this society.

And the whole matter was referred by common consent to the sub-committee on Christian Education to be chosen by the Board of Directors.

The Resolutions Committee recommended Resolutions which were adopted.

1. "Whereas, There has been removed by death from the fellowship of Congregational Ministers of our State during the past year, Reverends H. B. Beard, David Donovan, Allen Clark, Orville C. Clark, Samuel G. Smith and Robert P. Herrick; and

"Whereas, In the passing beyond of these, our beloved brethren, this Conference and the entire Communion of Congregational people of Minnesota have sustained a series of losses such as calls for heartfelt expression of a sense of depletion and loneliness; and

"Whereas, Each of these men, in the widely varying fields and services to which the Great Head of the Church chose and ordained them, proved faithful to his trust and loyal to the moral ideals of Christian character, adorning in high or humble station the professions of our holy faith and the calling of the ministry of the Gospel; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we regard the release of these men from our happy fellowship, our common toils and cares, as burdening each of us who remain with more arduous tasks and completer dedication to the interests of Christ's Kingdom on earth; especially do we deem their departure an unmistakable summons to heroic and lofty service on the part of the noble group of younger ministers who in recent years have come among us."

2. Resolved, "That we express our commendation and hearty appreciation of the Press of Minnesota, that has so unflinchingly represented the Anti-Saloon and Prohibition sentiment of the State. In this connection we would especially commend the Minneapolis Journal whose circulation covers the entire State."

It was voted upon motion that the Scribe be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Minneapolis Journal.

Rev. M. B. Morris presented his reports as Secretary and Treasurer of the Minnesota Board of Ministerial Relief, which were adopted.

After prayer by Rev. R. W. Gammon, Chicago, adjournment was taken at noon.

The afternoon session was convened by the moderator at 1:30 o'clock.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported invitations for the 1916 Conference from St. Anthony Park Church and a joint request from Carleton College and the Northfield Church and recommended the acceptance of the latter invitation. The recommendation was adopted, and, upon recommendation, Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Lake City, was chosen to preach the Annual Sermon.

The Nominating Committee made recommendations which were adopted as follows:

The Business Committee—Rev. James Robert Smith, St. Paul, 2 years; Rev. Ernest E. Day, Minneapolis, 1 year; Rev. G. Phil Sheridan, Brainerd, 2 years; Mrs. Edwin B. Dean, Northfield, 1 year.

The Auditing Committee—J. H. Jepson, Minneapolis; O. H. Turner, St Paul.

The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications—Rev. Geo. Mahlon Miller, St. Paul; Rev. A. E. Gregory, Austin; Rev. Geo. Plumer Merrill, Minneapolis; Prof Andrew Boss, St. Paul; Dean Luther S. Weigle, Northfield; Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona.

Interdenominational Commission—Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul; Rev. J. P. Miller, Minneapolis.

Committee on Preservation of Historical Matter—Warren Upham, St. Paul; Rev. E. M. Williams, Northfield; Thomas Hughes, Mankato.

A resolution recommended by the committee was adopted.

Resolved, "That we, as delegates and visitors from our various Churches, desire to express our hearty thanks to the Congregational Church and to the people of Waseca for their very hospitable entertainment during this session of our Conference."

Rev. B. M. Southgate, Rochester, offered service to the sick coming to that city, if he were notified beforehand by the Pastors of our Churches.

Mr. L. L. Dodge, Minneapolis, presented the Report of the Committee on Finance and Printing, which was adopted.

Two resolutions were offered by the committee and adopted by the Conference, as follows:

Resolved, "That there be appointed by the Moderator a committee of two persons from each or any District Association, wherein in the opinion of the Committee on Finance and Printing, the assessments levied by the Conference are so far delinquent as to call for special attention; that said committee in each case represent the Conference and be authorized to investigate, act and report upon the financial situation therein; to act in co-operation with the District Registrars; in its discretion to go directly to the individual Churches; and in the capacity of Auditors, check up accounts between the Churches, the Registrars and the Treasurer and help to expedite collections and payments; and also that, following the adjournment of this Conference and the organization of the Board of Directors, whenever the occasion may require, such committee shall be appointed by that Board at the instance of such new committee, sub-committee or person as may hereafter have charge of the Financial affairs of the Conference."

Rev. W. M. Swann, Montevideo, and Rev. H. R. Harris, Madison, as the Minnesota Valley Association Committee was appointed. Also the Committee on Finance and Printing recommended, and the recommendation was adopted, that the $500 needed to finance the securing of a Student Pastor at the State University be secured by private subscription.

The resolution proposed on Wednesday upon which action was deferred, was, upon motion, adopted.

Upon nomination from the Special Committee, Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul, as Superintendent of the Conference, and upon nomination from the Board of Directors Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul, as Registrar, and Mr. J. M. McBride, Minneapolis, as Treasurer, were unanimously elected, the Scribe being instructed to cast ballot for the same.

After informal Ballot, Mr. C. J. Hunt, St. Paul, was elected Moderator by formal ballot.

Report of the Credentials Committee was called for. Rev. W. J. Conard, Marshall, chairman, reported that no matters had been referred to it.

The matter of appointment of Fraternal Delegates to the State Bodies of other denominations was referred to the Board of Directors.

The Report of the Apportionment Committee was read by the Secretary and its recommendations were adopted, namely:

1. As a Tentative Schedule of Percentages for the Distribution of Benevolences for 1916 that which has been for the years 1914 and 1915, namely:

For Foreign Work—

35 per cent divided as follows:

20 per cent A. B. C. F. M.

15 per cent W. B. M. I.

For the Homeland—

65 per cent divided as follows:

30 per cent Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society.

15 per cent Minnesota W. H. M. U.

5 per cent A. M. A.

6 per cent C. C. B. S.

3 per cent C. E. S.

4½ per cent C. S. S. & P. S.

1½ per cent Ministerial Relief.

2. The following resolution:

Whereas, The Report of the Treasurer of Benevolences shows gifts to all our Missionary Societies amounting to only $13,000; and,

Whereas, It is known that our Churches have given several thousands more, which are not here reported, because the remittances are made direct to the Societies; and,

Whereas, The failure of the Churches apparently to even approach the goal of the State Apportionment, $60,000, is thus misrepresented,

Be it Resolved, That every Church which sends any gifts for Congregational Benevolence purposes to other persons than the State Conference Treasurer of Benevolences, be requested and urged either to send all gifts through the State Benevolence Treasurer or, before the Annual Meeting of the State Conference, to send to the Secretary of the State Apportionment Committee an itemized statement of all gifts to our Congregational Missionary Societies not sent to the State Treasurer of Benevolences.

At 3 P. M. the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society was called to order by its President, Rev. D. J. Cowling, Northfield.

The Treasurer, J. M. McBride, Minneapolis, presented his report in printed pamphlet. It was accepted.

The report of the Superintendent, Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul, was presented and, by vote, accepted.

Suggestion as to an efficiency campaign as proposed by the National Council was endorsed.

At 4 P. M. Conference Moderator Dean took the chair and presented Mrs. E. A. Tupper, President Minnesota Branch W. H. M. U., to speak on "The Relation of the Woman's Home Missionary Union to the State Conference." Mrs. Percy T. Watson, spoke on "Our Work and Yours in Shansi, China." The Moderator read a letter from Mr. Watson.

By formal ballot delegates to the National Council were chosen. Rev. Everett Lesher, St. Paul, four years, and Rev. H. P. Dewey, Minneapolis, two years. Under suspension of rules, alternates were selected: Rev. G. P. Merrill, Minneapolis, four years, and Rev. T. S. Devitt, Winona, two years.

The minutes up to the convening of the Missionary Society were read and approved. Upon motion the completion of the minutes was left in the hands of the Scribe and Registrar. Rev. W. J. Conard, Marshall, led in prayer and Conference adjourned at 5:45 P. M.

EVENING.

The closing session opened at 7:30 o'clock with an orchestra number. Rev. J. A. Hughes, Grand Meadow, read portions of John I, beginning with verse 35 and John IV, beginning with 28, as the Scripture, and Rev. E. F. Wheeler, New Ulm, led in prayer. The ladies' chorus sang, and before the congregation joined in the hymn, "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me," the following business was transacted:

The Committee on Resolutions presented a resolution which was adopted. "Recognizing the excellent service rendered by the ladies' chorus, the orchestra and Miss Olson, the soloist, and desiring to give expression to our appreciation of the same, we move that a vote of thanks be tendered to them for their splendid contribution so cheerfully given to the success of this Conference."

The Missionary Society reconvening, the Nominating Committee recommended that the four directors whose terms had expired succeed themselves—it was so voted. They are Rev. W. A. Bockoven, Marshall; J. A. Sawyer, Owatonna; Rev. D. J. Cowling, Northfield, and Mrs. E. A. Tupper, Minneapolis.

By vote the Conference instructed the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society to dissolve the corporation as soon as all legal obstacles pertaining thereto are removed.

The motion was adopted that if the money necessary is secured and arrangements made for a Student Pastor at the University he be engaged in conference with the Directors of the Conference.

After the address on "The Signs of the Times in Minnesota as Touching Christian Citizenship," by Hon. Henry Holmes, Monticello, "America" was sung.

The closing address was on "Team Work," by Rev. Charles E. Burton, New York, Secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

The hymn "Fling Out the Banner" was sung, prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Minneapolis, and Conference adjourned at 9:25 P. M.

THE CONGREGATIONAL WAY

By Rev. Edwin B. Dean, Moderator.

At the opening session of our Annual State Conference it is the duty of the Moderator to deliver a message upon some subject which shall tend to promote the religious and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in the state. Many themes present themselves; but for this year when we are proposing to revise our constitution, none is more important than that which has to do with fundamental principles of our denomination as they may be applied to the needs of our state work.

Did the limits of the hour permit I would gladly say a good word for those great evangelical doctrines which have ever been the inspiration of our life and work; but in all this we are standing upon such common ground with the other evangelical churches there is nothing peculiar in our tenets to mark us as Congregationalists—unless it be our unfeigned willingness to respect the rights of our brethren to hold their own opinions. We are happy to fraternize with any who with us "hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood."

The distinguishing mark of Congregationalism is our democratic form of government. In times past and in some locations today we are known as Independents. And so we are. Our members are conscience guided, ruled by Christ our Master. Our churches are free from all ecclesiastical authority. No Assembly, no Synod, no Conference, no Pope, no Bishop, no priest, no preacher dictates to us. We literally hearken to the words of Jesus when he said: "Call no man your father upon earth; for one is your Father, even he who is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters; for one is your master, even the Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Long before Patrick Henry exclaimed, "Give me liberty or give me death," our church ancestors were suffering persecutions and martyrdom in England, were driven in exile to Holland, and peopled the bleak New England shore for freedom's sake. And

"They have left unstained what there they found,
Freedom to worship God."

Their free spirit has had, under God, more to do with the advancement for democracy in the world than all other agencies combined, for the simple reason that they were early on the ground and persistent in nearly every land where freedom's voice has been heard. The Independents spoke with Oliver Cromwell in England. They gave their form of church government to the New England town meeting, and, so far as they were permitted, to the forms of colonial government; and through these implanted the same

great democratic principles first into the Declaration of Independence and then into the Constitution of the United States. Our missionaries have breathed the same free spirit in the Sandwich Islands, in India, in Turkey, in Japan, in China, until those peoples have either caught freedom or are about to see the dawn of its morning. In every land upon the face of the earth today, even where imperialism and militarism have set the iron heel, the oppressed are crying out to the Master of Freedom whose we are and whom we serve. And, if ever peace is to be established in the world and if ever social and industrial justice and true brotherhood are to be realized in our own great land these must come by the gateways of liberty.

There are other things of which we have cause to be proud: Numerically we are a small body when compared with a half dozen other great churches; but none of these surpasses us in the same sized fields of benevolences, nor in education and missionary enterprises.

There is something in the spirit of our freedom which demands independent thinking and self-reliance. This in turn has become a wonderful inspiration to develop strong characters, and mighty learners. If you should name the greatest preachers, the greatest philosophers, the greatest teachers, the greatest orators, the greatest men of letters, the greatest evangelists America has produced three highest from each profession, a good majority at least would be found upon the membership rolls of the churches of our free form of government.

With such a record it has seemed strange to some that there has arisen within the last few years a demand for a change in our form of government. I shall now attempt to reply to this very natural and legitimate question

First of all, it must be borne in mind that neither in our National Council, nor in any of our State Conferences or local Associations has there been the slightest inclination to surrender our freedom. That basic principle remains and will remain in every progressive movement of our denomination. In the constitution of the National Council adopted at Kansas City this position is clearly defined in these words: "We believe in the freedom and responsibility of the individual soul, and the right of private judgment. We hold to the autonomy of the local church and its independence of all ecclesiastical control." The proposed constitution of this Conference declares regarding its own powers and limitations: "It shall fully respect the Congregational principle of local autonomy." Being assured of this, we, as churches and individual members, have nothing to fear. The entire changes contemplate simply this: "It shall seek to co-ordinate the several forms of denominational activity engaged in by the churches of the Conference and to systematize and promote the benevolent interests of the denomination within the state." The new constitution, then, interferes with no church in its local field of labor, but does provide that the "Conference shall be the instrument of the Congregational churches of the state for all the work they wish to do co-operatively."

When one considers the present complicated social life as compared with that when our Pilgrim Fathers wrought in New England, or with that

of our fathers of one generation ago for that matter, he ought not to be surprised to find changes in methods of work absolutely essential to religious progress. In the opening chapter of President Woodrow Wilson's book, "The New Freedom," he says: "There is one great basic fact which underlies all the questions that are discussed on the political platform at the present moment. That singular fact is that nothing is done in this country as it was done twenty years ago. We are in the presence of a new organization of society. Our life has broken away from the past. The life of America is not the life that it was twenty years ago; it is not the life that it was ten years ago. We have changed our economic conditions, absolutely, from top to bottom; and, with our economic society, the organization of our life."

Did we as a church not provide for the changes that have already come we might well expect the Master to say again as of old: "The sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of the light." The parting words of John Robinson to the Pligrims, about to sail for America, have often been quoted. In this connection it is interesting to remember with Dr. Williston Walker in his History of the Congregational Churches: "It detracts nothing from the sweetness and charity of this noble utterance that the "further light" from the "written Word" which Robinson exhorted his disciples to be ready to receive was, to his thinking, light on church polity rather than on doctrine."

Two years ago our National Council faced the question of how to bring together our seven or more national benevolent and missionary societies so that their independence might not tend to harass the churches by too frequent competitive solicitations and weaken our work as a whole by too great office and administrative expenses. The new constitution, the apportionment plan, and the appointment of the Commission on Missions are the answers to the question.

Every state conference has had a similar problem. Several of them undertook the solving prior to the action of the National Council and the others since that time. All testify to improvement under the new plan.

We in Minnesota have been wisely conservative. We have waited to draw upon the experiences of other conferences. If the committee on revision has studied these other constitutions wisely we should have presented to us the very best now extant. But if it prove to be not the best we may be certain that it is an improvement upon the old; and as we may be able to change it from year to year it will become in time a true instrument for Christ and the churches.

I shall expect it to be adopted. If it is, let us remember that it is no more than an *instrument*. We must put it into God's hands. In our hands alone it cannot be effective. If we permit the spiritual forces of God to use it, then—it will be invincible.

But whether we are to work under a new constitution or not, I pray

that we all may give our entire selves to the work which is assigned to us and to our churches this year.

Let every church beware lest it be tempted to sponge off the community where it is placed; rather let it give its life that the community may live Christly. Do the work of shepherds for those within the fold and as shepherd evangelists for those without. Stand under our benevolent, our educational and our missionary enterprises. Above all, keep the faith with Jesus Christ.

"Faith of our fathers, faith and prayer
Have kept our country brave and free,
And thro' the truth that comes from God,
Her children have true liberty.
Faith of our fathers, Holy Faith,
We will be true to thee till death."

REPORT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

By Everett Lesher.

Present achievement has its beginnings in the past. The past is related to the present as the seed time is related to the harvest. We reap that which we did not sow, we sow that which we will not reap. Human progress is an evolution. One generation takes up the task where another lays it down. The task is never finished. Each generation must carry it forward a little farther toward the goal. It is for each generation to so live that its achievement may be an inspiration to succeeding ones. Men often act unworthily. Nations, even stirred by the selfish ambitions of cunning men have often played an ignoble part in the great world drama. The good and true have been the salt of the earth. The institutions they have planted, the labors they have wrought inspire our hearts today with noble impluses. This is eminently true in the realm of religion and in the history of the Christian church.

One cannot read the story of Congregational missions in Minnesota from its beginning until the present day without feeling his soul deeply stirred with the desire for like achievements. When Congregational home missionary work was begun in Minnesota in 1849 the territory reached from the St. Croix River on the east to the Mississippi River on the west. It was mostly a vast, untamed wilderness, unexplored save by the red men and the lonely trappers of the great fur trading companies. Its population of about 7,000 souls was found in scattered settlements and villages along the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers. Stillwater was the largest village in the territory having a population of two or three hundred. St. Pauls, as it was then called, was nearly as large.

In the year 1849 Rev. E. D. Neill was sent as a missionary to St. Pauls. Mr. Neill was deeply impressed with the possibilities of his new field for he writes:

"The more I look at the field the more important it appears as a field for missionary labor. The village yet shows that it is on the frontier. You cannot walk out but you meet some Dacotah with his pipe and his blanket gracefully wrapped about him."

The only church in the village at this time was a small log Catholic church. The next year or two there came excellent missionary reinforcements. Rev. J. C. Whitney was sent to Stillwater. Rev. Chas. Seccombe to St. Anthonys, now Minneapolis, Rev. Richard Hall was stationed at Point Douglas and Cottage Grove. Later he became the first Congregational superintendent of Home Missions in Minnesota. Some of you may remember to have seen him at the State Conference held with Park Church, now Plymouth, St. Paul, in the year 1903. This was his last public appearance. He was an old man and very feeble. His last words were

breathed in benediction and prayer for the continued blessing of the Heavenly Father upon the state and church he loved and for which he had given so many of the strong years of his life.

These men were followed by worthy successors. Among those who have passed into the light of eternal day, I would mention such names as Cobb and Montgomery, Pres. Strong and in grateful and loving memory Rev. Robert P. Herrick, D. D., who gave twenty-seven years to Christian work in Minnesota at its very fountain head. A true comrade, sympathetic, generous in words of kindness, always a friend to help and to hearten, a wise counsellor, an efficient superintendent, a far-seeing statesman, Robert P. Herrick's name will be held ever green in the memory and love of our souls.

Minnesota Congregationalism has been richly blessed in the quality of its leadership. Today we turn to the present task and face the future still under the inspiration of that leadership.

When Douglas was hard pressed by the Saracens and his men wavered all along the battle line, he flung the treasured heart of Robert Bruce over into the raging forefront of the battle to rally the clans back of him to a victorious advance. Cradled and rooted in a great and worthy past we fling our hopes today into a larger future made possible by those whose names are starred, for greater fulfillments wait upon our ministry and greater achievements challenge our faith.

THE FIELD.

Minnesota is a field of great opportunities, great needs and great possibilities. No better evidence can I submit in support of this conviction than to give you a comprehensive view of this field as we are now trying to cultivate it in our various associations. For the sake of brevity I can speak only of the missionary churches or those that have been missionary churches within the past few years.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Alphabetically, the first association is the Central. This association contains twenty-one churches. Five of these churches are receiving missionary aid. Burtrum, Swanville, and Pillsbury are grouped in one circuit under the care of Rev. H. T. Krousey. Sauk Rapids and Cable are cared for by Rev. William H. Gimblett. These churches have been greatly blessed under Mr. Gimblett's ministry and have now come to self-support. While the opportunities in this association for church extension are limited, the need for strengthening the work established is ever apparent. Strong churches with extensive church property are established in the largest of the villages and small cities, such as Little Falls, Alexandria, Glenwood and Sauk Center, while in the smaller villages our churches, as a rule, are in a flourishing condition. Big Lake is making unusual progress under the leadership of Rev. F. B. Marks, having received over fifty at one time

last spring into its membership besides making improvements on its church property. Clearwater and Hasty are the only churches needing a pastor and they offer an interesting field at a moderate salary to some earnest minister who is looking for service among a loyal people. Clarissa is still federated with the Methodists. In this association there are five Swedish churches and one Slovak church.

DULUTH ASSOCIATION.

The Duluth Association has but twelve churches. This is due largely to the fact that much of the territory embraced within the limits of this association is still unsettled or sparsely settled, while in the iron country, which is to be found almost exclusively in the counties represented in this association, Congregationalism did not secure much foothold in the early days when the numerous villages and cities were forming on the ranges. Though lacking in numbers, we have a fine group of churches in this association. Pilgrim Church of Duluth, First Church of Brainerd, the churches of Aitkin and Biwabik and the healthy, vigorous young church of Remer are examples. The field represented in this association is a promising one for it contains much fertile soil which is being gradually taken up by settlers and new communities are forming everywhere.

Along the Soo line from McGregor to Cass Lake is a promising missionary circuit. This includes Remer, Federal Dam and Boy River, besides other points which will soon require the stated services of a missionary. The Backus-Hackensack field, including several missionary stations, is an interesting and promising circuit. Through the generous gift of $450 annually in addition to what they have hitherto given, the Women's Society of the Winona church has made it possible for us to prosecute in a stronger way than ever before the much-needed work at Grand Marais. Rev. W. H. Ripon is on this field with every prospect of doing excellent work. A church building is greatly needed here as all services of the church are now held in the town hall.

Two church building enterprises are now in progress in this association. One at Federal Dam, the other, Pilgrim Church, Duluth, which will soon be worshipping in a splendid new church building erected on a new site in one of the most beautiful residence sections of the city. The Society has extended aid during the year to seven churches and ten mission stations in this association.

MANKATO ASSOCIATION.

From the Duluth Association, so much of the territory of which is still frontier, let us turn to the Mankato Association, one of the oldest in the state, and in one of the oldest settled sections of the state. This association contains sixteen churches, one of which, Ellsworth, is aided by this Society. The opportunities for pioneering, that is, for establishing absolutely new work in new places, are, of course, very limited in this

association and it is the policy of this Society to avoid duplicating work in places already provided by other evangelical Christian churches.

The Mankato church, which deserves very honorable mention because of its peculiar problems and its resolute determination to solve them independent of missionary aid, is making history of which some day it may be justly proud. The churches generally in this association are under efficient pastoral leadership. Fairmont is the only pastorless church. Ceylon is still federated with the Methodists. In this association we have one Welsh and two Swedish churches.

MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION.

The Minneapolis Association contains forty-two churches. The Missionary Society extends aid to seven of this number, Milaca, and Minnehaha, Open Door, Morningside, Mizpah, and Vine in Minneapolis, while promising missionary fields are to be found in other sections of the city and suburbs.

There is no end to missionary work in a rapidly growing modern city, but the end of missionary resources comes, alas, too quickly and we must continually hear the calls for help which we cannot even answer with assurance. The excellent missionary work done in Minneapolis could never have been achieved without the efficient co-operation of the Minneapolis City Union. It has erected church buildings and helped struggling communities to erect them, which doubtless would not now be in existence but for the timely assistance of this organization. The denomination at large does not know of the efficient work of this Union because there is, at present, no way of tabulating or crediting its income and expenditure by any denominational plan. It is to be hoped that some plan may be devised under the reorganized form of our state work by which this defect may be remedied. We have one Bohemian church at Silver Lake, in this Association.

MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

Of the eighteen churches in this Association, but two, Graceville and Eldorado, have been receiving missionary aid. Ortonville, with its future still in the balance, is in a comatose condition. Appleton and Correll are without a pastor but hope soon to be well supplied. Belview is under the care of Rev. W. J. Conard. Granite Falls is federated with the Baptist church of that place and is unusually prosperous for a federated church.

The problem of the Minnesota Valley Association is to conserve and strengthen the churches now there. With a large and increasing foreign population in this territory, often unacquainted with our Congregational church and polity, a heavy responsibility is laid upon the churches. They are facing this responsibility with courage, however, and there is reason to believe that the future will bring even greater measure of success.

NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION.

The Northern Pacific Association is next to the largest, numerically, in the state. It contains forty-one churches. Here a large missionary work is carried on, twenty churches and stations receiving aid from this Society. Missionary work here is in a gratifying state of progress. McIntosh and Mentor, which have been cared for by this Society for years, under the wise administration of Rev. W. W. Dale no longer receive missionary aid. Mr. Dale is caring also for the Bagley church, which was graciously blessed during the winter with a revival. During the year he has also organized a church at Dugdale and plans are now under way for a new church building. Everywhere on this field the work has been strengthened in a most excellent way.

The Mahnomen circuit, consisting of Mahnomen, Waubun, Ogema and Callaway, under Rev. Anders Kvaas, receives less aid this year than last. Since Mr. Kvaas came to this field two years ago the work has greatly prospered. Waubun has erected and dedicated a beautiful new house of worship. Callaway has a new building which is to be dedicated in November and the enthusiastic young bishop who presides over this circuit is even now asking for some earnest, capable young man to assist him on this field that he may have time to build two more churches, one at Mahnomen and one at Ogema.

I wish to call the attention of the ministers of this conference, and especially the younger men, to the work accomplished on these two fields, the McIntosh circuit and the Mahnomen circuit. We have had difficulty in years past in getting our best young men, college and seminary trained, to undertake circuit missionary work on the frontier. Mr. Dale and Mr. Kvaas are examples of what such men can accomplish who dare to undertake heroic tasks which many have considered unattractive and unworthy of their training and ability. These men are making history. In wisdom, love and devotion they are laying broad and deep the foundations of strong churches and Christian institutes. They are not, by any means, the only men on the firing line who are doing this, but their eager willingness to undertake such strenuous, self-denying work, is commended to the earnest consideration of all. They are honored in their task. The very hardship and difficulty of the field challenges their manhood. We need more men of this type who will be builders and leaders in the rapidly forming communities of our great state.

The Akeley church, which was called early in the year to part with its veteran home missionary pastor, Rev. Allen Clark, whose youthful spirit and enthusiasm despite his more than four score years, made him a conqueror of obstacles to the very last, has been fortunate in securing the services of a talented lady minister, Mrs. C. F. Lutz.

The Park Rapids church, after an intermittent struggle for existence covering many years, has at last given up the ghost and is now numbered

with the things past and gone. This is a result largely of the over-churched condition of the village. The property is now being transferred to the Missionary Society. Fergus Falls is still federated with the Presbyterians. The Cass Lake church is prospering under the ministry of Rev. G. M. Peacock. Rev. Geo. F. Morton who, for several years has been caring for the small churches and numerous stations of the Lake Itasca circuit, is still faithfully at work on this field, giving of labor abundantly and receiving in material things far too meager a compensation.

Nymore is still a problem, but the present indications are that it is a promising one. Dr. J. P. Miller spent his vacation with this church and a fine impulse has been given to the work. Seventeen new members have just been received into its membership, improvements have been made on the church property and a new spirit of courage and willingness to co-operate in this needed enterprise pervades the community.

One other mission field remains of which I make glad mention and that is the Bertha-Aldrich circuit. For several years that faithful, persistent, indefatigable servant of the Lord, Rev. E. E. Lindsley, has had this field in charge. Brother Lindsley wears like iron and the work he has done has in it the permanent, useful qualities of iron. Under his ministry as some of the material results achieved a new parsonage has been built at Bertha, a new church building erected at Aldrich and another in Aldrich Township. This is a fine record. Besides caring for these three churches he also has two or three school house appointments which he visits regularly. This plan of school house and out-station appointment is earnestly commended to all our ministers working in rural communities.

There is no better way to build up the central church than to establish these out-stations. There is no better way for promoting Congregationalism than to let the light of the Pilgrim faith shine forth in every neighborhood and township.

There is no better way to rear a generation of intelligent, God-fearing, peace-loving citizens than to establish Sunday schools in every community wherever practicable.

There is no more efficient way to evangelize the home land than to go out into the lanes and highways and by the four corners and cross-roads with the Gospel message.

Every pastor in a village or rural community, wherever possible, should broaden his work so as to include the whole countryside.

There are several pastors in this state doing a notable work along these lines, among whom should be mentioned the names of Rev. E. E. Lindsley, Rev. Samuel Johnson of Princeton, and Rev. E. B. Dean of Northfield. Why should not every pastor likewise situated, do this type of work. What marvelous opportunities there are in Minnesota for such missionary and Sunday school work.

RAINY RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The Rainy River Association is dear to my heart. Memorable were those days at Birchdale in August, 1913, when this Association was called into being. When organized it contained five churches, one of them Swedish, affiliated with the Birchdale church, and three or four mission stations. Today there are eight churches, two of which are Swedish, and about a dozen stations, with the work growing rapidly. Three churches were received into the Association at its meeting in August. The church organized by Mr. Beach at Williams, the church at Border, a few miles down the Rainy River from Birchdale, by Rev. T. W. Howard and the Swedish church at Happyland.

Every church in this Association at the present time, with the exception of the Swedish churches, is receiving aid from this Society, Baudette, one of the strategically located churches in northern Minnesota, is ably cared for by Rev. and Mrs. White, who hold a large place in the esteem and affection of the entire community extending even to the neighboring towns. International Falls, so much in the affection of its loyal pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Heermance, is slowly winning its way. This place receives $300.00 less missionary aid this year than last.

Our devoted young missionary at Cedar Spur, Rev. W. B. Beach, is doing heroic work in his extensive field. His work often requires long, weary tramps through the forest or horseback rides where the roads are now constructed, but he has the joy of knowing he is laying foundations upon which in the years to come a noble group of churches will be built. His field is too large for any one man to care for. It should be divided and another missionary take part of the burden.

The Cook circuit, likewise, over which Rev. R. W. Downing has so faithfully presided during the last year should be divided and more help secured. This is the most extensive missionary field in the state. There are as yet no organized churches in this territory, but Mr. Downing has ministered to eight or nine different communities, some of which are full of promise, and all of which are needy. Mr. Downing leaves this field this month to enter Chicago Seminary. A man is needed at once to take his place.

How one's heart burns as he looks out over such a field and sees its needs and opportunities. The Rainy River Association is virgin soil religiously as well as otherwise and now is the time for religious pioneering. So far there has been steady progress and upbuilding in our work and in this association due, mainly, to the earnest missionary spirit and wise foresight of the missionary pastors in this territory. Our missionaries do not falter at long tramps, heat or cold, hardship or self-denial. There are only a few who know the sacrifice which some are making that they may fulfill their course and the ministry which they have received of the Lord, Jesus.

But these men love their task. If their work is attended with priva-

tion and sometimes peril, if much physical weariness and often heart-ache are to be found in it at times, if it requires patience and perseverance, vision and faith, if it demands that the soul be indued with fortitude and Christ-like heroism, if these are the things the work demands they have also the assurance that they are working with God; that they are sharing the cup which the Master drank. All redemptive work is sacrificial. There is no redemption without sacrifice. There never has been. There never will be. And these are the men and women who shall redeem the northland, who shall set upon it the mark of the Lord Jesus, who shall build churches and Christian institutions whose blessings shall flow in ever widening, deepening stream down into the centuries yet to be. All honor then to the sons and daughters of the Pilgrim faith, worthy successors and heirs to the Pilgrim fathers, who are making in the wilderness a highway for the Prince of Peace. And in this truly great work we all may have a share. If we ourselves cannot go to the front we may help to sustain those who can go. Only let our sacrifice in giving be as great as those who sacrifice in going.

We need at least three more missionaries for this association; one on the Cook circuit to assist Mr. Downing's successor, one to relieve Mr. Beach of the Carp country and one for the country east and north of Red Lake. The need for these men is imperative. A great future is before the Rainy River Association. The possibilities, the opportunities, are all there. If the churches of Minnesota improve these opportunities this Association will be, before many years, one of the largest in the number of churches in the state. An excellent system of state roads is being constructed all over northern Minnesota. Great dredges and grading machines are working night and day to complete the 200 miles of road contracted for in Beltrami county alone, this fall. The crest of the swelling tide of immigration has reached this northland and the next few years will witness not only a great increase in population but marvelous transformations in the country itself. On the crest of this swelling tide will the church bear the message of God's love and salvation to the multitudes who here will make their homes. No word of mine can emphasize too strongly the need and the opportunity which here confronts us today.

ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION.

The St. Paul Association is one of the oldest, if not the oldest Association in the state. It contains some of the oldest and most influential churches in our Minnesota fellowship. Of its twenty-seven churches two are receiving help from this Society, namely, Hazel Park and University avenue. The University avenue church was called to give up in July, by death, its great-hearted pastor, Rev. O. C. Clark, who, after a faithful ministry of more than forty years, passed to his heavenly reward. The church has been fortunate, as it believes, in securing as his successor Rev. H. M. Racer, who has spent several years as a missionary to the mountain

people of Kentucky and Tennessee. The Hazel Park church has moved its building to a better location and made much needed repairs on it.

Bethany Church, after earnestly struggling to live, has at last given up. Its property has been sold and the proceeds turned over to the Building Society.

Marine Mills finds it impossible to revive its work and has transferred its property to the Missionary Society. Wabasha has federated with the Methodists. Cannon Falls church has been ministered to this last year by a Methodist minister. The Methodists are also looking after the Mazeppa church. Zumbrota is struggling with the problem of an over-churched community. In this Association we have one German and one Bohemian church, both located in the city of St. Paul.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Southeastern Association is one of the oldest in the state. It contains twenty-three churches among which Austin, Owatonna, Rochester and Winona are familiar names to all. The churches in this association are generally prosperous. Lyle has made improvements on its church property as also Grand Meadow. The only missionary field in this Association at the present time assisted by our Society is the Rose Creek and Taopi churches, so patiently and faithfully cared for by Rev. J. B. Thompson. Waterville and Morristown have been supplied this last year by Mr. Benedict, a student at Carleton. As in most of the southern associations, there is little opportunity to do pioneer missionary work in the southeastern. The work there must be conserved and strengthened. While the opportunity for increasing the number of churches is limited in this old and well-established Association, there is the ever present and great opportunity for the increase of benevolences and efficiency in service. This Association, like several others, should take for its motto "Not to be ministered unto but to minister."

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Western Association is one of the smallest, comprising but fourteen churches. Four of this number at the present time receive missionary aid. Selma and Comfrey with Rev. W. H. Nye, pastor, have made extensive improvements on their church property and come to self-support all within one year, a most excellent record. Tyler and Arco have recently called as pastor Rev. John Imlay. The Edgerton church is federated with the Methodists. Springfield and Walnut Grove, under the care of the Missionary Society a year ago, are now independent. Rev. H. N. Hanson is their pastor.

The churches in this Association, as a rule, are modest in size, nevertheless they are much needed and the work they are doing is of standard quality. There is a large foreign population within this Association. A church as distinctively American as the Congregational certainly has its place and use in the religious progress of such a community and our Con-

gregational churches are proving both their mission and their ability to fulfill it in the work they are doing.

THE SUMMARY.

And now to sum up this review of the field. It will be seen that the Missionary Society during the past eleven months has been caring for fifty-one churches and thirty-one mission stations with thirty-two missionary pastors on the field for a part or all the time. To maintain this work at the present standing of efficiency has required an outlay of $16,308.09.

Although the need is great and the calls urgent we have not attempted much if any new work. To strengthen the work already established has consumed our resources. It is our firm conviction that to build solidly and conservatively is better than to attempt an extension that we cannot properly maintain. As dependent churches come to self-support the money expended in caring for them can be released for new fields. The aim of the Missionary Society is to help our mission churches to come to self-support as soon as possible. To this end the board of directors at a recent meeting adopted a new plan which I wish here to call to the attention of all and in particular the missionary pastors. It is this:

"Each church asking for missionary aid must first make an every-member canvass of the parish to raise as much money as possible toward the support of its own work."

In some instances such a canvass will result in securing sufficient funds on the ground without the necessity of applying for aid. There is always, however, the purely missionary church which the Society must care for for many years and from which we do not expect much large numerical or financial returns. It is found in the small or neglected or difficult neighborhood.

Then there are the missionary stations, many of which, in the course of time, will develop into organized churches.

THE PROBLEM.

It can be readily seen from this brief review of the field that our missionary problem in Minnesota is a large and difficult one. There is much missionary work, especially in the line of Sunday School extension, to be done in the older sections of the state. Here, also, are weak though important churches that must be cared for. Our frontiers, unusually large, are rapidly developing and overwhelm us with their need. Our problem aims at nothing less than the development on its moral side of a Christian state. The sole object of the Christian dispensation is to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. The "Christian State" is a modern way of describing or interpretating the Kingdom of God.

To make the highly organized life of the state righteous, just and merciful, to purify its ideals, to adjust its relationships in the spirit of Christian brotherhood, to train its citizens in honor and Christian tolerance, to make it possible for each child to grow up straight and clean in a whole-

some environment, in other words, to make Jesus Christ supreme in all the intricate life of the state is to fill the state with the principles, ideals and spirit of the Kingdom of God.

This is a task of the greatest magnitude and importance.

The only way to effect this transformation is to build the character of the men and women who compose the state. The only way to develop civilization is to develop manhood. It is to keep alive in the minds of men the sense of the presence of God, to spiritualize things material to maintain the old convictions of honor, truth and duty, to keep alive the sense of sympathy and self-sacrifice and the glorious hope of immortality. It is to train our children and young people in the belief that the only thing in the world of supreme importance is to keep our grip on the eternal verities and serve our fellow men.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY.

The chief agency in preserving these ideals and in promoting the best of all that we see in the life of the state has ever been the Christian church. The church as the instrument of the Kingdom of God on earth has built schools and colleges, led reforms, established philanthropies, and lifted our nation to the high, influential place she now holds among the nations of the world. On the church and its outreaching home missions rests, therefore, a heavy responsibility.

It must produce the men and women whose characters are such that in their attitude toward capital and labor, legislation, education and morals, in fact, in all their social capacities and relations, they will earnestly seek to live Christ's social principles.

THE NEED.

There are many things the church needs in larger measure than it now possesses, in the accomplishment of these ends. It needs money. If the world is ever won for Christ it must be through the consecreated wealth of the church. It must be only as the work of the church is administered as a great business enterprise.

This truth needs to take profound hold upon us in its relation to the work in Minnesota. Our task is an unusual one and such as confronts but very few states in the Union. Ohio expended in the cause of Home Missions in 1914, $16,851.19. That is as much money as we expend and yet Ohio is an old state and not half as large as Minnesota. Minnesota has an area larger than two states like Ohio. Southern Minnesota, the oldest half of our state, needs our entire income just as Ohio, a much older state, needs over $16,000. But added to Southern Minnesota is Northern Minnesota, an even greater and more needy missionary field than Southern Minnesota.

We need another $16,000 for Northern Minnesota, that this great state may be cared for in its religious needs, Congregationally, as well as

the state of Ohio is cared for. But we do not have it. We must make one income do for a territory equal in size to two ordinary states.

There are times when it seems to some of us as though our greatest need in Minnesota was money. A year ago we came up to this conference with an indebtedness of $4,000. Economize as we would we have not been able to reduce that indebtedness without serious loss in efficiency and service which we were unwilling to make.

But this fact remains for our encouragement. If we have not been able to reduce our indebtedness, we have neither been obliged to add to it. In fact the financial condition of our Society is much better than it was a year ago. Our income has enabled us to do the same amount of work as was done the year previous when we were forced to take out these loans.

It should be said in all justice and gratitude that it was the gift of $1,200 from Plymouth Church people, Minneapolis, in the late spring that enabled us to get through the year without increasing our indebtedness. I desire especially to call your attention to the item in the treasurer's report, "gifts from individuals," which totals $2,320.85 for eleven months. The total for the twelve months is $2,917.85.

Our total income for the past twelve months is $18,335.62, and is the largest the Society has ever received. This includes, to be sure, $3,000 taken out in temporary loans, but which were all paid back from the receipts of the Society during the eleven months. For these blessings we are thankful, joyously thankful, but not satisfied. Far be it from us to be satisfied.

We need not less than $25,000 annually for Home Missions in this mighty state. As a mark for 1916 shall we not aim at least at $20,000 for Minnesota. This is less than one dollar per member. Twenty thousand dollars for Home Mission, twenty thousand dollars for others is an offering that will not exhaust our resources. Minnesota and the homeland for Christ that the whole wide world may be redeemed requires a higher grade of giving than most people practice.

Not only do we need a larger income in Minnesota, but our churches generally need a more up-to-date business method of working out their scheme of benevolences. We need the general adoption of the Apportionment Plan. This includes the budget system and the every member canvass. Why all our churchs do not adopt this very workable plan can be accounted for only on the supposition that they do not understand the plan or fear to undertake something new. We need a general awakening along the lines of better methods and better business in our church finances. And it is coming. The indications are that our churches are waking up. That this end may be hastened and better results achieved we should have here in Minnesota what is called an efficiency campaign.

What is the efficiency campaign? It is a campaign among the churches with direct emphasis upon missions and evangelism. Not only does this include the general activities of the church but, of very great importance

at this critical time, it emphasizes a full rounded program of church finance and systematic benevolence. It lays emphasis upon the budget system and the every-member canvass as necessary to the realization of the aims sought in the Apportionment Plan.

Is such an efficiency campaign needed? From the standpoint of evangelism, yes. The great task of the church is to win the world for Christ. This is evangelism and direct and definite emphasis must be continually laid upon this.

From the standpoint of missions the efficiency campaign is greatly needed. Our contributions per capita have been decreasing of late years and that too when God has opened the doors of all lands for the reception of the gospel. Here in the middle west, at the very heart of the nation's life, in a region of vast wealth and unmeasured industrial, political and social resources, we have been giving at the rate of $1.52 per member for all our established missionary agencies.

If we fulfill our duty we must do better than that. An efficiency campaign will be of great help to us in reaching better results. Because of the great religious needs that confront us in every part of the world today we should hasten to set in operation any plan that can so materially help us in meeting those needs. I shall hope that the Conference before its adjournment may find time to discuss the merits of this campaign, and take active measure in bringing it into the state.

There never was a time in history that made greater demands upon the Christian church, than the present. All the great Christian nations of the world today, all save our own, are at war and all the heathen nations are at peace. What a sad commentary on Christian civilization. Wicked ambition and crass materialism bathe the world in blood and the church seems helpless to prevent the frightful slaughter.

The times are extraordinary. They demand an extraordinary church. Nominal Christianity is a demonstrated failure. Diplomacy and the mailed fist, physical force and mental astuteness, the ability of one nation to subjugate or outwit another can never heal the world's distresses, can never furnish a satisfactory basis on which the Christian state must stand. Never before has it been seen so clearly that justice and righteousness, mercy and magnanimity, kindness, patience and goodness are the forces that must bind mankind together.

In God's great wisdom and goodness He has given to us in these troublous times a man to guide the destinies of the nation, who exemplifies these high qualities in a remarkable degree.

When the heat of strife is over and the passions of men cool down in sober judgment, it will then be seen that our great president, who dared to be calm when others were excited, patient when others clamored for revenge, magnanimous when others selfishly strove, just and merciful when others were blinded by prejudice and hate, it will then be seen that he of all the rulers of the earth in this critical juncture of human fate was

the truest Christian statesman, was the truest builder of the Christian state.

What have we done here in America to deserve such blessing of leadership, such peace and prosperity as everywhere abound? Have we been spared for some peculiar service, some great and glorious world-wide mission? Is it that America is to be the custodian of that which war destroys and peace glorifies? Is it to keep burning the lamp of free government? Is it that she is to be the instrument for establishing the reign of peace and good will toward all men?

Let us fondly cherish this high conception of national duty. This is America's mission.

I only fear that she may become self-conscious and boastful. I only fear that in her love of amusement and luxurious living she may forget the Providence that has made her great. I only fear that in her passion for wealth she may lose her own soul. There is but one thing that can save her and heal all her sorrow.

Without exaggeration or compromise, but with deep conviction and abiding faith, I declare that remedy to be Jesus Christ and Him only. Nothing but the Christianity of Christ in its simplicity and power, nothing but uttermost insistency of faith and persistency of purpose in the will of God can cleanse our nation, can ever build the Christian state.

The path of duty, then, lies straight before us. The mission of the church is clear. We must save America that America may accomplish her world-wide mission.

If the nations of Europe are put to the supreme test during the war that today wastes their millions and their men, after the war is over the test will be applied to us. Greater responsibilities will be upon us, not only to provide the world with cotton and wheat but also to provide it with the Gospel and Christian institutions. The resources of Europe will be exhausted. Our own are unimpaired and mightily increasing every day and hour. But America must be cleansed from her sins. She has millions yet that need the ministry of a truly Christian church.

It is poor policy, poor business and poor Christianity therefore, that refuses to see our own needs and the tremendous importance of meeting those needs as quickly as possible.

The harvest of intelligence, morality and Christian salvation which shall be gathered in all future generations in this and other lands as a result of the seed we today are sowing in this great heart of the earth, must depend and not a little on the home missionary zeal with which these seeds are now cultivated.

With wisdom and foresight, with patriotic purpose and Christian optimism let us look to our home missions that we may do all in our power to shape this mighty nation for the glory of God and the salvation of the world.

APPROPRIATIONS

Made to Mission Churches and Fields, Maturing in the Year 1915-16.

NOTE 1.—In nearly all instances appropriations are made for a year, beginning with the time when a pastor takes up work on the field aided. Some of the appropriations made last year mature this year and some made this year will mature in 1916.

NOTE 2.—The capital S after a name in the field column means "Station." All others are organized churches.

MISSION FIELDS	MISSIONARIES	AMT. OF GRANT
Central Association		
Burtrum, Swanville, Pillsbury, Round Prairie	Rev. H. T. Krousey	$100.00
Sauk Rapids, Cable	Rev. W. H. Gimblett	150.00
Duluth Association		
Aitkin	Rev. Wm. E. Hammond	150.00
Backus, Hackensack, Mildred (S), Pleasant Lake (S), Stewart (S)	Rev. H. R. Harris	400.00
Grand Marais	Rev. W. H. Ripon	700.00
Remer	Rev. O. G. Mason	300.00
Federal Dam, Boy River (S), Nymore		150.00
Fond du Lac	Rev. H. H. Harris	200.00
Walker	Rev. Geo. Michael	50.00
Mankato Association		
Ellsworth, Kanaranzi	Rev. H. T. Owen	100.00
Minnesota Valley Association		
Graceville, Eldorado	Rev. H. P. Long	75.00
Ortonville		200.00

MISSION FIELDS	MISSIONARIES	AMT. OF GRANT
Minneapolis Association		
Hopkins	Rev. Fred Harrison	150.00
Milaca	Rev. G. H. Richardson	200.00
Minneapolis		
Minnehaha	Rev. Paul Nweeya Rev. Howard Williams	500.00
Vine	Rev. H. K. Painter	300.00
Morningside Open Door	Rev. R. R. Stafford	200.00
Northern Pacific Association		
Akeley	Rev. Allen Clark Rev. Mrs. C. F. Lutz	200.00
Mahnomen Waubun Ogema (S) Calloway	Rev. Anders Kvaas	150.00
Staples Brainerd—Peoples	Rev. D. T. Jenkins	100.00
Cass Lake	Rev. G. M. Peacock	200.00
Bertha Aldrich Maple Leaf (S) Wycona (S) Branch (S)	Rev. E. E. Lindsley	100.00
Beard Shevlin Lake Itasca (S) Pinewood Ruffy Creek (S)	Rev. Geo. F. Morton	150.00
Wolverton		50.00
Rainy River Association		
Baudette Spooner (S)	Rev. F. D. White	500.00
Birchdale Border Frontier (S)	Rev. T. W. Howard	600.00
International Falls South International Falls (S)	Rev. E. L Heermance	900.00

MISSION FIELDS	MISSIONARIES	AMT. OF GRANT
Ericksburg (S) Ray (S) Gheen (S) Cook (S) Beatty (S) Meadow Brook (S) Angora (S) West Virginia (S)	Rev. R. W. Downing	800.00
Cedar Spur Pitt (S) Carp (S) Ruliens (S) Williams	Rev. W. B. Beach	800.00
St. Paul Association		
Lakeland		100.00
Hazel Park	Rev. G. R. G. Fisher	200.00
University Ave Mayflower (S)	Rev. O. F. Davis	200.00
Southeastern Association		
Rose Creek Taopi	Rev. J. B. Thompson	120.00
Western Association		
Garvin Custer	Rev. J. P. Varner	100.00
Selma Comfrey	Rev. W. H. Nye	100.00
Tyler Arco	Rev. John Imlay	200.00

MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, J. M. McBRIDE

For the Months, September 30, 1914, to August 31, 1915

Note 1. Only eleven months of the Conference Year are included in this report because of the change in the beginning of the Conference Year to one month earlier.

Note 2. In the tabulated receipts given below, attention is called to the manner of listing contributions from Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and individuals. These contributions are grouped in the third column, but the particular sources from which they come are indicated immediately following the name of the church with which they are associated.

Note 3. The apportionment given in the fifth column is for Minnesota missions for the year 1915. This is the percentage, designated by the State Apportionment Committee, of the full apportionment made to the churches, to be given to the state work.

Associations.	*Churches.*	*W. H. M. U.*	*Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies*	*Total*	*Apportionment for State Work.*
Central					
Alexandria	$197.00	$36.25	.....	$233.25	$217.50
Big Lake, S. S., $12.03	21.25	2.15	12.03	35.43	24.00
Burtrum	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00
Cable	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Clarissa	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Clearwater	.....	1.23	.....	1.23	27.00
Culdrum	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Glenwood	56.03	6.03	.....	62.06	75.00
Hasty	.....	4.00	.....	4.00	15.00
Holdingford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Falls, S. S., $25.00	.....	.....	25.00	25.00	112.50
Little Falls (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Monticello	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00
Long Prairie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orrock	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50
Pillsbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Round Prairie	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
St. Cloud	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.50
Sauk Centre	.....	.....	.....	.....	102.00
Sauk Rapids	10.28	6.84	.....	17.12	22.50
Swanville	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Upsala	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00
Villard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wondel Brook	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
	$284.56	$56.50	$37.50	$378.09	$751.50

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies.	Total.	Apportionment for State Work.
Duluth					
Aitkin	$7.50	.....	.....	$7.50	$24.00
Backus	.95	.73	.....	1.68	3.60
Biwabik	14.00	3.64	.....	17.64	24.00
Brainerd, First	99.50	5.59	.....	105.09	49.50
Brainerd, Peop., C. E., $7.75	.....	.....	7.75	7.75	7.50
Duluth, Pilgrim	435.00	131.71	.....	566.71	480.00
Duluth, Plymouth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duluth, Fond du Lac	3.00	.73	.....	3.73	3.30
Federal Dam	1.95	.....	.....	1.95	1.50
Grand Marais	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hackensack	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	1.50
Remer	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.80
Walker	.....	.95	.....	.95	3.30
	$564.90	$143.35	$7.75	$716.00	$600.00
Mankato					
Belgrade	$2.50	.....	.....	$2.50	$9.00
Cambria	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Center Chain	1.50	.70	.....	2.20	1.50
Ceylon	7.80	1.54	.....	9.34	7.80
Edgerton	.....	1.85	.....	1.85	18.00
Ellsworth	7.50	1.29	.....	8.79	7.50
Fairmont	39.71	16.74	.....	56.18	75.00
Freeborn	31.84	9.60	.....	41.44	34.50
Freedom	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Granada	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Kanaranzi	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Kasota	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.80
Mankato, First	16.50	3.59	.....	20.09	45.00
Mankato (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Mapleton	5.38	2.20	.....	7.58	25.50
Mattewan	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
New Richland	2.55	6.45	.....	9.00	15.60
Pemberton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sherburne	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
St. Clair	7.50	.70	.....	8.20	3.00
Waseca, S. S., $5.00	52.00	15.05	5.00	72.05	60.00
Worthington	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.50
Decoria	1.40	.....	.....	1.40	.....
	$176.18	$59.44	$5.00	$240.62	$409.20
Minneapolis					
Anoka	.....	$8.75	.....	$8.75	$41.10
Brownton	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	9.30
Elk River	.....	4.20	.....	4.20	46.50
Excelsior	15.00	22.05	.....	37.05	90.00

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total.	Apportionment for State Work.
Minneapolis—Continued					
Fair Oaks	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Gaylord	15.00	.....	.....	15.00	15.00
Glencoe	38.00	.....	.....	38.00	44.10
Groveland	.....	3.65	.....	3.65	18.00
Hutchinson	76.00	4.84	.....	80.84	52.50
Milaca	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Minnewashta	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Minneapolis, Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Minneapolis, Como	68.10	20.89	.....	88.99	159.00
Minneapolis, Edina Mills	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	16.80
Minneapolis, Fifth Ave.	204.11	147.76	.....	351.87	402.00
Minneapolis, First	200.77	92.90	.....	293.67	450.00
Minneapolis, Fremont Ave.	104.77	25.59	2.03	132.39	150.00
Mpls., Forest Hts., C.E., $2.03	104.77	25.59	2.03	132.39	120.00
Minneapolis, Linden Hills	128.60	37.76	.....	166.36	180.00
Mpls., Lyndale, S. S., $15.00	90.43	33.55	15.00	138.98	300.00
Minneapolis, Lowry Hill	93.86	9.55	.....	103.41	630.00
Minneapolis, Lynnhurst	19.20	4.30	.....	23.50	60.00
Minneapolis, Minnehaha	1.80	1.75	.....	3.85	3.60
Minneapolis, Morningside	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	7.50
Minneapolis, Mizpah	1.25	3.02	.....	4.27	7.80
Minneapolis, Oak Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minneapolis, Open Door	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mpls., Park Ave., S.S., $8.34	334.75	132.08	8.34	475.17	540.00
Minneapolis, Pilgrim	188.44	41.48	.....	229.92	394.50
Minneapolis, Plymouth	2,351.36	459.91	.....	2,811.27	2,656.50
Minneapolis, Robbinsdale	31.55	25.92	.....	57.47	52.50
Minneapolis, St. Louis Park	26.88	9.86	.....	36.74	45.00
Minneapolis, Swedish Tem.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minneapolis, 38th St.	48.85	.....	.....	48.85	18.00
Minneapolis, Vine	19.50	.....	.....	19.50	28.50
New Brighton	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.90
Princeton	20.00	.....	.....	20.00	50.40
Sandstone	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Stewart	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Wayzata	40.75	.....	.....	40.75	45.00
Individ., for Park Av. Mpls.	.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....
	$4,153.97	$1,205.71	$25.37	$5,385.05	$6,675.30
Minnesota Valley					
Alberta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appleton	1.75	.85	.....	2.60	15.00
Belview	58.57	.70	.....	59.27	6.00
Benson	15.16	27.20	.....	42.36	51.30
Campbell	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.40
Correll	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total.	Apportionment for State Work.
Minnesota Valley—Cont.					
Dawson	.....	.....	.....	.....	48.00
Eldorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Graceville, S. S., $7.15	.....	2.20	7.15	9.35	10.50
Granite Falls	12.00	5.16	.....	17.16	12.00
Hancock	.....	5.95	.....	5.95	47.40
Madison	.....	4.30	.....	4.30	47.40
Marietta	16.61	3.20	.....	19.31	18.00
Montevideo	33.00	20.05	.....	53.05	67.50
Morris	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	63.00
Nassau	.....	.85	.....	.85	6.00
Ortonville	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.50
Tintah	11.00	.....	.....	11.00	12.00
	$153.09	$70.46	$7.15	$230.70	$480.00
Northern Pacific					
Ada	$37.84	$2.94	.....	$40.78	$45.00
Akeley, S. S., $1.28	.....	.....	$1.28	1.28	7.50
Aldrich	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Argyle	.80	.....	.....	.80	15.00
Bagley	8.60	1.72	.....	10.32	7.50
Barnesville	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Beard	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Bertha	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.50
Callaway	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cass Lake	.....	1.72	.....	1.72	15.00
Crookston	.....	20.20	.....	20.20	105.00
Detroit	.....	3.22	.....	3.22	45.00
Felton	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Fergus Falls	45.00	11.82	.....	56.82	45.00
Fertile	2.15	.....	.....	2.15	4.50
Fosston	8.47	.....	.....	8.47	1.50
Glyndon	.....	3.48	.....	3.48	30.00
Hawley	.....	5.27	.....	5.27	30.00
Lake Park	1.45	.....	.....	1.45	4.50
Maple Bay	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Mahnomen	17.45	1.38	.....	18.83	15.00
McIntosh	6.00	1.29	.....	7.29	15.00
Mentor	4.81	.80	.....	5.61	6.00
Moorhead, S. S., $24.00	32.05	13.41	24.00	69.46	115.50
New York Mills	.....	1.50	.....	1.50	7.50
Nymore	27.00	.....	.....	27.00	3.00
Oak Mound	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.50
Ogema	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park Rapids	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Pelican Rapids	.....	4.30	.....	4.30	18.00
Pinewood	1.25	.....	.....	1.25	.....

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies	Total.	Apportionment for State Work.
Northern Pacific—Cont.					
Staples	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Ulen	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Wadena	15.00	15.84	.....	30.84	120.00
Waubun	.30	.15	.....	.45	7.50
	$208.17	$89.04	$25.28	$322.49	$354.00
Rainy River					
Baudette	.....	.....	.....	.....	$15.00
Birchdale	$1.38	$0.65	.....	$2.03	7.50
Cedar Spur	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	3.00
International Falls	3.77	.80	.....	4.57	15.00
Pitt	10.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....
Spooner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$20.15	$1.45	.....	$21.60	$30.50
St. Paul					
Cannon Falls	$31.97	$4.72	.....	$36.69	$37.50
Cannon Falls (Swedish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Cottage Grove	.....	3.22	.....	3.22	15.00
Faribault	236.00	88.53	.....	324.53	300.00
Lake City, First	.....	26.80	.....	26.80	165.00
Lake City, Second	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Lakeland	5.72	.....	.....	5.72	7.50
Marine Mills	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
North Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Northfield, S. S., $93.36	374.26	103.05	93.36	570.67	600.00
St. Paul, Atlantic	75.00	6.45	.....	81.45	75.00
St. Paul, Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
St. Paul, Cyril	16.00	1.54	.....	17.54	15.00
St. Paul, Forest St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
St. Paul, Hazel Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
St. Paul, Immanuel	5.00	2.50	.....	7.50	15.00
St. Paul, Olivet, S.S., $20	249.23	70.66	20.00	339.89	450.00
St. Paul, Pacific	1.89	10.79	.....	12.68	22.50
St. Paul, Peoples, S.S., $27	88.16	.....	27.00	115.16	150.00
St. Paul, Peoples (Ger.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
St. Paul, Plymouth	.....	75.76	.....	75.76	300.00
St. Paul, St. Anthony Park	88.84	28.00	.....	116.84	150.00
St. Paul, South Park	10.50	1.00	.....	11.50	10.50
St. Paul, University Ave.	10.23	2.27	.....	12.50	37.50
Silver Lake	54.07	11.72	.....	65.79	.....
Stillwater	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Sunrise	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wabasha	.....	2.15	.....	2.15	7.50
	$1,246.87	$439.16	$140.36	$1,826.39	$2,402.50

Associations.	Churches.	W. H. M. U.	Sunday Schools. Christian Endeavor Societies	Total	Apportionment for State Work.
South Eastern					
Austin	.....	$66.06	.....	$66.06	$195.00
Claremont	.....	1.65	.....	1.65	.....
Dexter	$5.00	.....	.....	5.00	15.00
Dodge Center	4.00	7.31	.....	11.31	45.00
Grand Meadow	.....	8.05	.....	8.05	37.50
Lyle	10.00	.....	.....	10.00	37.50
Mantorville, S. S., $5.75	.....	6.44	$5.75	12.19	52.50
Mazeppa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medford	16.20	3.50	.....	19.70	52.50
Morristown	10.00	.....	.....	10.00	12.00
Owatonna, S. S., $15.92	152.00	52.06	15.92	219.98	195.00
Plainview	27.00	9.89	.....	36.89	37.50
Rochester	.....	8.60	.....	8.60	187.50
Rose Creek	.....	.95	.....	.95	7.50
Spring Valley	15.82	19.64	.....	35.46	112.50
St. Charles	40.00	7.31	.....	47.31	52.50
Stewartville	.....	12.97	.....	12.97	45.00
Taopi	4.50	.....	.....	4.50	.....
Waterville	13.00	.....	.....	13.00	10.50
Winona, First	600.00	119.50	.....	719.50	.....
Winona, Lakeside	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.50
Zumbro Falls	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Zumbrota	4.29	6.37	.....	10.66	15.00
	$901.81	$330.31	$21.67	$1,253.78	$1,140.00
Western					
Arco	$11.73	.....	.....	$11.73	$10.29
Cambria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Comfrey	2.79	$0.70	.....	3.49	6.43
Cornish	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.43
Custer	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Garvin, S. S., $3.56	5.00	.....	$3.56	8.56	30.88
Lake Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Lamberton	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Marshall	37.35	45.83	.....	83.18	70.79
New Ulm	48.45	14.71	.....	63.16	32.60
Selma	3.15	.50	.....	3.65	12.44
Sleepy Eye	28.97	2.32	.....	31.29	46.76
Springfield	.....	4.30	.....	4.30	15.87
Tyler	38.00	.....	.....	38.00	8.15
Walnut Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.74
Winthrop	10.00	.....	.....	10.00	40.65
	$185.44	$68.36	$3.56	$257.36	$331.03

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash on hand, September 30, 1914	$204.82
Churches	7,895.14
Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies	273.17
W. H. M. U.	2,463.77
W. H. M. U. Thank Offering	151.75
Returned by missionary pastors in offerings from the field	101.17
Individual gifts outside apportionment	1,664.35
Individual gifts for special new work	656.50
Loans	3,000.00
Interest on deposits	6.49
Telephone service	2.30
Office rent	130.00
C. H. M. S., 95 per cent. of receipts from Minnesota	256.05
Total receipts, September 30, 1914, to August 31, 1915	$16,805.51

Expenditures

Missionary aid	$7,131.43
Salary General Superintendent, Rev. Everett Lesher	2,750.00
Salary Superintendent Northern Minnesota, Rev. W. L. Sutherland (half time)	687.50
Salary General Missionary, Rev. W. J. Conard	550.00
Rev. Edward Constant for General Missionary services	150.00
Travel expense, General Superintendent	111.54
Travel expense, Superintendent Northern Minnesota	161.26
Travel expense, General Missionary	146.22
Travel expense, Rev. Edward Constant	14.32
Special Missionary service	11.06
Directors' travel	59.06
Office assistant	280.00
Printing and stationery	56.85
Telephone and telegraph	70.49
Postage and express	73.67
Administrative sundries	18.12
Congregational Minnesota	80.00
C. H. M. S., 5 per cent receipts	541.87
Office rent	220.00
Exchange	18.50
Office sundries	2.25
Interest on loans	173.95
Loans	3,000.00
Total expenditure, September 30, 1914, to August 31, 1915	$16,308.09
Balance on hand, August 31, 1915	497.42
Amount of indebtedness carried over from 1914	4,000.00

Minneapolis, Minn., September 18, 1915.

D. J. Cowling, Esq.,
President, Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society.

Dear Sir: I have examined the annexed report of the Treasurer of the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society, as per attached statement from September 30, 1914, to August 31, 1915. I have checked up the vouchers for the disbursements, a total of $16,308.09, and find same correct. I find that on August 31, 1915, there was on hand on deposit with

the Minnesota Loan and Trust Company		$565.34
One check out, not received at bank	$66.67	
Interest accrued but not credited on Treasurer's books	1.25	
		67.92
Total cash on hand		$497.42

Respectfully submitted,
C. I. FULLER, Auditor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota from October 1st, 1914, to October 4th, 1915:

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1914		$266.69
Central Association, dues in full for 1914	$53.06	
Central Association, on dues of 1915	67.00	
Duluth Association, dues in full for 1915	57.33	
Mankato Association, dues in full for 1915	96.74	
Minneapolis Association, dues in full for 1914	358.42	
Minneapolis Association, on dues of 1915	200.00	
Minnesota Valley, on dues of 1912	11.00	
Northern Pacific Association, dues in full for 1914	89.58	
Northern Pacific Association, on dues for 1915	40.00	
Rainy River Association, dues in full for 1915	7.07	
St. Paul Association, balance on dues for 1914	21.08	
St. Paul Association, on dues of 1915	253.92	
South Eastern Association, dues in full for 1914	100.08	
Western Association, balance of dues for 1914	49.80	
Western Association, on dues for 1915	15.20	
Total		$1,686.97

Disbursements.

1914	
October 8. Paid Rev. E. E. Day, expenses of Allen D. Albert	$10.00
November 5. The Colwell Press, Registration blanks.	2.50
November 5. Rev. W. C. A. Wallar, Transportation and Postage	14.78
November 5. The Lake City Leader, Printing	17.75
December 8. Joel S. Ives, on acct. Nat. Council dues, 1914	200.00
November 15. Rev. Geo. P. Merrill, expenses State Apportionment Committee	29.88
December 16. Rubber Stamp, pad and receipt book	.90
December 22. Postage, Minutes 1914	21.92
December 28. Stamped Envelopes	2.54
1915	
February 4. Services of Dr. T. M. Shipherd at Wadena	35.00
February 10. T. H. Colwell on acct. printing minutes 1914	100.00
February 23. Rev. Geo. P. Merrill, on acct. State Apportionment Committee	29.12

May 3. Rev. Geo. P. Merrill, balance on acct. State Apportionment Committee	8.88	
May 10. T. H. Colwell, on acct. printing minutes 1914	100.00	
May 15. Rev. A. C. Bacon, expenses Visitor Chicago Theological Seminary	20.10	
May 17. T. H. Colwell, balance on acct. printing minutes 1914	35.80	
May 17. H. K. Painter, on acct. salary 1914-1915	100.00	
May 19. Joel S. Ives, acct. Nat'l Council dues 1914	150.00	
June 30. Rev. W. E. Griffiths, expenses attending State Business Com.	4.94	
August 31. Joel S. Ives, Nat'l Council dues in full 1914	365.00	
September 7. H. K. Painter, salary in full 1914	100.00	
October 1. T. H. Colwell, printing 2,000 programs Waseca Conf.	37.55	
October 4. Exchange in personal Checks	.80	
Total		$1,387.46
Balance in Treasury, October 4, 1915		299.51
Total		**$1,686.97**

HOBART K. PAINTER, Treas.

Minneapolis, Oct. 4, 1915.
Audited and found correct.

LEWIS L. LEIGHTON, Auditor.
Oct. 4, 1915.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

On the Equalization Fund of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota from October 1st, 1914, to October 4, 1915.

1914			
October 8.	Northfield	$20.00	
October 8.	Stewartville	6.17	
October 8.	New Ulm	5.00	
October 8.	Forest Heights—Minneapolis	4.20	
1915			
September 15.	Baudette	5.50	
September 27.	Bagley	2.90	
September 29.	Northfield	5.00	
September 29.	McIntosh	1.08	
September 29.	Nymore	3.90	
September 29.	Walnut Grove	4.40	
September 29.	Morristown	4.00	
September 29.	Montevideo	5.00	
September 29.	Waterville	3.00	
September 29.	Fairmont	5.00	
September 29.	International Falls	2.10	
September 30.	Pacific Church, St. Paul	2.17	
September 30.	Pilgrim Church, Duluth	20.15	
September 30.	Border	3.30	
September 30.	Akeley	1.80	
October 1.	Pilgrim Church, Minneapolis	7.01	
October 3.	Vine Church, Minneapolis	1.70	
October 4.	Sauk Center	5.00	
October 4.	Interest on Receipts in 1914	1.06	
	Total		$119.44

Disbursements.

1915			
October 1.	T. H. Colwell for 800 postal card notices less refund for cards unused	$10.01	
	Balance on hand	109.43	
			$111.44

HOBART K. PAINTER, Treas.

Minneapolis, October 4, 1915.
Audited and found correct,

LEWIS L. LEIGHTON, Auditor.
October 4, 1915.

The following amounts were received at the meeting of the Conference at Waseca, after the above report had been audited:

1915			
October 5.	Forest Heights	$2.75	
October 5.	Rochester	5.05	
October 5.	Moorhead	8.08	
October 5.	Plymouth, Minneapolis	65.00	
October 5.	Mankato	3.00	
October 5.	Frontier	1.00	
October 5.	Birchdale	1.20	
October 5.	Ellsworth	2.00	
October 5.	Fertile	2.50	
October 5.	Plainview	3.51	
October 5.	Wadena	4.00	
October 5.	Madison	5.25	
October 5.	Robbinsdale	5.53	
	Balance on hand		$108.87
			109.43
			$218.30

Audited and found correct.

October 7, 1915.

J. H. JEPSON,
Tem. Auditor.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

Treasurer's Report for year ending September 30, 1915.

October 1, 1914, cash in hand	$577.43	
October 6-8, amount of offering State Conf., Wadena	109.40	
Amount offerings State Associations:		
Central	11.00	
Mankato	5.78	
Minneapolis	10.36	
Northern Pacific	15.00	
St. Paul	24.00	
South Eastern	12.46	
Western	4.00	
Churches by treasurers direct	215.79	
E. W. Decker, treas. Apportionment Committee	249.94	
M. W. H. M. U. by Mrs. A. M. Burch, treas.	236.37	
On acct. legacy Dr. James W. Strong by H. W. Page	125.00	
Interest on invested funds	481.58	
Total		$2,078.11

Endowment fund, $8,200.00.

Disbursements.

Aid to seven beneficiaries and one special	$715.00	
Cong'l Board Ministerial Relief	200.00	
Transferred to invested funds	550.00	
Colwell Press, printing and receipt books	10.00	
Supplies for office, stamps, envelopes, post cards, acct. book and expenses	14.68	
Balance on hand September 30, 1915	588.43	
		$2,078.11

Examined and found correct.

J. M. McBRIDE, Acting Auditor.

Waseca, October 7, 1915.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA.

Secretary's Report for Year Ending September 30th, 1915.

Mr. Moderator: In presenting our annual report we begin where we left off a year ago. As is our custom, at the close of the first evening's meeting, after the Communion, the offering for Ministerial Relief was taken, amounting to fifty-seven dollars and forty cents ($57.40).

On the following days more money was handed to the treasurer, and on the last day of Conference an appeal was made, as many were present then who had not arrived on the first evening.

It gives me pleasure and cause for gratitude to report receipts amounting to $109.40 as the grand total of Conference collections at Wadena October 6-8, 1914.

During the year now closed we rendered aid to seven beneficiaries and one special, as treasurer's report shows. The number of our beneficiaries remain as last year, whom we hope by the help of churches and pastors to cheer, bless and aid as occasion may require and our friends permit.

Ninety-four churches are registered on the giving list for this cause, a little less than half, I am sorry to say, of our churches, give a place on the list of their benevolences for the worthy cause of the Ministerial Relief Society.

My brethren beloved, let not this be said again of the Congregational churches of Minnesota. We plead for a contribution from every church and pastor within the state during this Conference year upon which we are now entering and which closes September 30th, 1916.

Our Board of Trustees stands now as follows:

Harlan P. Roberts, Maurice B. Morris, terms expire September 30th, 1917; Willard R. Cray, John M. McBride, terms expire September 30th, 1916; David P. Jones, Robert P. Herrick, terms expires September 30th, 1915.

Robert P. Herrick, who has been on this board from the beginning, ended his term of service June 28th, 1915. We mourn his loss. We shall greatly miss him.

Respectfully submitted, October 6th, 1915,

M. B. MORRIS, Secretary.

REPORT OF STATE BENEVOLENCE TREASURER

I beg to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending September 30th, 1915:

Balance on hand, Sept. 30, 1914	$73.77
Receipts.	
Central Association.	
Alexandria	$488.40
Glenwood	139.36
South Elmdale	5.00
Duluth Association.	
Biwabik	38.46
Brainerd, First	94.75
Duluth, Pilgrim	1,100.00
Duluth, Fondulac, Hope	16.06
Remer	6.00
Mankato Association.	
Center Chain	5.00
Celyon, Federated	26.00
Ellsworth	25.00
Fairmont	157.15
Freeborn	74.30
Granada	37.14
Mankato, First	55.00
Mapleton	17.97
St. Clair	5.00
Worthington	75.00
Minnesota Valley Association.	
Appleton	19.31
Belview	11.90
Benson	39.00
Granite Falls	40.00
Marietta	39.75
Montevideo	138.64
Morris	5.00
Nassau	6.00
Minneapolis Association.	
Excelsior	269.00
Glencoe	58.12
Groveland	40.00
Minneapolis, First	938.48
Park Avenue	1,038.50
Pilgrim	482.92
Vine	19.50
Como Avenue	337.69
Union, St. Louis Park	160.21
Lyndale	425.00
Fremont Avenue	203.15
Fifth Avenue	598.00
Bethany	11.23
Robbinsdale	108.51
Lynnhurst	181.00
Forest Heights	387.04
Edina Mills	9.66
Linden Hills	226.70
Minnehaha	12.00
Silver Lake	180.24
Wayzata	40.75
Northern Pacific Association.	
Ada	105.44
Akeley	6.25
Bagley	28.65
Cass Lake	3.60
Fergus Falls	105.00
Mahnomen	24.85
McIntosh	18.40
Mentor	18.22
Ulen	3.00
Wadena	50.00
Waubun S.	1.00
Southeastern Association.	
Dexter	20.00
Dodge Center	41.00
Morristown	15.50
Owatonna	265.20
Plainview	118.00
Spring Valley	67.85
St. Charles	104.00
Western Association.	
Comfrey	9.30
Marshall	54.50
New Ulm	81.52
Selma	10.50
Sleepy Eye	45.57
Rainy River Association.	
Birchdale	4.60
International Falls, Bethlehem	12.59
St. Paul Association.	
Cannon Falls	92.76
Faribault	892.35
St. Paul, Pacific	57.12
St. Anthony Park	427.82
Immanuel	73.83
Olivet, Merriam Park	1,062.13
South Park	24.50
University Avenue	34.14
Cyril	34.00
Total	$12,379.85

Disbursements.			
American Board	$2,469.90	Cong'l Church Bldg. Soc..	754.45
Women's Board of Interior	1,780.14	Cong'l Educational Society	365.66
Minn. Congregational Missionary Society	3,574.98	American Miss. Assn.....	712.01
		Cong'l Home Miss. Society	5.00
Woman's Home Missionary Union	1,550.78	Ministerial Relief	249.94
		Minneapolis Cong'l Union	125.00
Cong'l Sunday School and Publishing Society	655.29	October 1st, 1915, balance	136.70
		Total	$12,379.85

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. DECKER,
Treasurer State Benevolence,
Minnesota State Apportionment Committee.

Vouchers checked and report audited and found correct

JOHN H. JEPSON,
Auditor.

November 18, 1915.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.

General Congregational Conference of Minnesota, Wadena, Oct. 5-7, 1915.

This committee, in its last two reports, has called attention to the slow payments made by most of the local associations of the dues or assessments levied by the conference, and has taken occasion to urge greater punctuality, and made certain suggestions looking to that end.

That the present year's collections have been larger than those of last by $156.88, and last year's by $118.67 than those of the year before may be evidence that the words spoken have had some effect, or it may be the result of more persistent efforts on the part of the treasurer, or it may just have happened. The year's gain is virtually all on 1914-15 assessments, the collection of delinquencies being very nearly the same as that of last year. Owing to the fact, however, that the budget the past two years has been considerably larger than before, primarily on account of the increase in the rate of the National Council's assessments, the collections have been relatively smaller, and the delinquencies are actually larger. So that our unpaid 1914-15 assessments are greater by $190.72 than last year, although now there is $32.82 more cash in the treasury than there was then. The resources of the conference now consist of: Cash on hand, $299.51; as shown by the treasurer's report, unpaid assessments, 1914-15, $822.20; unpaid assessments previous years, $157.68; making a total of $1,279.39. The liabilities: 1915 Council dues unpaid, $905.72, leaving an apparent net surplus of $373.67.

Just how much on these delinquent accounts will be collected is uncertain, the larger part, no doubt. But, if the payments to the treasurer are not expedited we will soon reach a situation calling for something besides platitudes from this committee.

We consider it, therefore, to be our duty this year to make known the exact status of the account of each Association, with the hope that it may help to bring about better conditions and that some suggestions and perhaps action on ways and means may follow.

First, we call the roll of honor of Associations which have paid in full to date. They are the Duluth, Mankato and Northeastern. Those in arrears and the amounts are: Central, $36.39; Minneapolis, $359.23; Minnesota Valley, $68.81 for 1915, and $157.67 previous years; Northern Pacific, 62.20; St. Paul, $75.43; Southeastern, $175.70; Western, $44.44. Total, $822.20 for 1915, and $157.68 previous years. All these except Minnesota Valley are behind for the current year only, receipts always being credited to the most remote indebtedness. It seems to the committee that some definite action besides the adoption of this report, which will soon be forgotten, might be more effective than anything we can say; and we invite your attention to the situation.

As we stand now, no part of the National Council 1915 assessment

has been paid. Money comes in slowly at this time of the year, and all of that now on hand will be needed for printing the minutes and other expenses of this meeting.

For the coming year we estimate the requirements as follows:

National Council, for 22,657 members at 7c	$906.04
Printing minutes	240.00
Salary of secretary	200.00
Expenses of secretary	35.00
Program committee	50.00
Apportionment committee	70.00
Business committee	15.00
Expenses of speakers and visitors	65.00
	$1,581.04

We recommend an assessment, the same as last year of 7 cents per member, upon the Associations, as follows:

Central	1,310	members at 7c	$91.70
Duluth	920	members at 7c	64.40
Mankato	1,373	members at 7s	96.11
Minneapolis	8,039	members at 7s	562.73
Minnesota Valley	1,154	members at 7s	80.78
Northern Pacific	1,656	members at 7c	115.92
St. Paul	4,452	members at 7c	311.64
Southeastern	2,458	members at 7c	172.06
Western	823	members at 7c	57.61
Northeastern	134	members at 7c	9.38
Total	22,319	members at 7c	$1,562.33

The small shortage of $18.71, that will result if all is collected, we may hope will be secured from the delinquent accounts.

The committee, as heretofore, has attended to the publication and distribution of the minutes of the last conference, has approved bills for payment by the treasurer and performed such other functions as are within the general scope of its authority.

The equalization fund had but $109.43 to its credit in the treasurer's report, but other sums have since been reported and there may be others coming in which we hope will bring it up to $200.00.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. DODGE,
SAM'L E. KELLERMAN,
WALTER N. CARROLL,
The Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT PARKINSON HERRICK.

Just to behold him present here among us for awhile—to bring him back to the inner vision—to let the heart remember his form, his voice, his interests, his warmth of desire for the objects he pursued—to let him speak to minds unbiased now by party issues, by tense-drawn interests and varying judgments—to fall into this mood for the moments of this service, and let Death, the great strife-destroyer, cleanse our souls and anoint our eyes for the Christian valuation of a fellowman, who, one of us yesterday, is now infinitely exalted above us: dare we not hope even to honor him most by thus chastening ourselves with a vision of him gained through the mystery and the glory of death?

To some of the fittest considerations this memorial might present here one can give but a brief line. Uppermost in our minds should doubtless be our indebtedness to him. Our Congregational heritage, the church and Sunday School patrimony to which we fall heir who labor in Minnesota today is immensely the wealthier because he labored here for nearly thirty years. He was one of the most potent of Christ's agents in giving us more than sixty of our church organizations, with as many more Sunday School blossoms ready to ripen into the same fruitage. It is a big thing to say of any man that he aided at the birth throes of nearly one-third of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

Nor can one linger, as well one might, upon our conviction of the permanence of his memory among us—a memory that in figure may be said to be buried underneath the cornerstone of scores of Christianized communities. From those arcana historians will time and again for centuries recover the name of him we this day honor, whose boyhood dream cherished, and whose manhood labors achieved their foundations.

Neither must I tarry long to speak of the depth and sincerity of our sympathy with those he loved now bereft of his companionship: the wife, the sons, the brothers, and all those near of kin.

Well we know there are smiles behind their tears. Their joy is deeper than their sorrow. Their hopes outwing the night-birds of grief and loneliness. They have too great a treasure to fondle in memory, much to need our condolences. To them his death may seem an impoverishment; but it pours back into their hearts the chronicle of an unsullied career illuminated with successes that are interest-bearing endowments.

But let me chose to speak, with principal emphasis, first, of personalia and reminiscences, then of outstanding traits, two of them; lastly, let us turn to think of him as he lives today, and to

> "Think of him faring on as dear
> In the love of there as the love of here."

It was indeed a gracious thing to do, for our big-hearted co-worker,

Mr. Colwell, to gather into permanent form the volume of beautiful testimonials published in the memorial number of CONGREGATIONAL MINNESOTA. A high value of the collection to me is the cluster of intimate personal incidents therein, both from Dr. Herrick's own pen and in the tributes of others. Look far back yonder, for instance, to the lad just out of high school, too poor, like many another, to go on to college; but too plucky, like only the exceptional boy, to let his class get ahead of him. Behold him studying at home the greater part of a year, and then by good fortune finding himself financially able to enter college with them and graduate with them. Interesting, too, are the intimations of an artistic temperament that justified his appointment as class poet. Keenly significant to us also is the incident of the little booklet on Carleton College read on the westward bound train as a honeymoon pastime—along with that other pastime of calling himself "fool" mile by mile as the realization dawned on him that he was taking a bride of cultured New England far out upon the unbroken prairies of the west, into the very land of Indian massacres. Picture him with shifty art consoling the heartsick wife with well-meant promises of immediate return in the stuffy little room of Montevideo's pioneer hotel. These touches of the nature that makes us all akin nod and twinkle to us as we read like poppies in the corn of statelier tribute.

My own reminiscences include a few happy days' hunting with shotguns among the wild ducks and crows of the beautiful lake region around Detroit City. There was one of those days he often recalled many years after: a hot summer day when we returned in mid-afternoon to be refreshed with a cool draught of raspberry shrub. The New England drink served from the hand of a New England grandmother, took him straight back to the days and scenes of his boyhood. More distinctly do I recall a day of duck hunting in a cold drizzling autumn rain, when we played Indian in an effort to start a fire with birch bark that was both wet and green. And we succeeded, too, and dried ourselves out by the blaze before beginning the long tramp homeward.

There were days, too, of tiresome drives over rude trails through swamps and tamarack—down toward Pelican Lake, for instance, to try to settle a church quarrel in a then much advertised, but now defunct mission field at West Dora. And there were long happy jaunts behind an old white horse far up toward the White Earth reservation, to deal out brotherly counsel to a church whose minister was hardly large enough, as it seemed to them, for even that litttle jumping-off place beyond Park Rapids. That both these churches are now dead and gone may possibly be credited in part at least to the wise efficient work of Dr. Herrick; for the prudent missionary official, it seems, must share something of Jehovah's knowledge of when to kill, as well as when to make alive. It was only a little over a year ago that I had a date with Mr. Herrick to go out to Lake Calhoun for a swim; and I am still regretting deeply that a shower prevented us this pleasure together.

Trifling as these things are to speak of here, you will, I know, understand how the heart is gifted to read between the lines, and by means of even such trifles, get back into the very presence of the friend.

What I best remember of Dr. Herrick, however, is the series of deep impressions he made upon me when I was younger by his reports at the State and local meetings. Not only the excellent showing of work well done, not mainly this indeed; often there was the outshining of an inward fire beneath the straight-forward speech. He forcibly manifested at times that without which every address is feeble, whatever its skill of composition: that for which even a Goethe must get down on his knees in confession—"We may collect the faggots," said he, "and heap them up. But to see them of fire we must wait for the flash of lightning from above." The evangel itself often used to break forth from Dr. Herrick's speech, warm and luminous and soulful.

I have intimated that, in my view of him, there were two outstanding traits in Dr. Herrick's personality and career. What were they? First, his happy, but unconscious, gaining of ends by the friendly method. And second, his loyalty to early ideals. Unanimous is the testimony to his friendliness. To "work" our friends and to use them is rightly said to be a violation of one of the holiest laws of personality. But to have, on the other hand, the happy faculty of making friendships easily and holding them faithfully, to be able to propound and discuss, in the frank sincerity of friendliness, the serious diversities of opinion that must arise in our efforts at social, religious and business co-operation—perhaps nobody can do this always; but to have so large a measure of this as Dr. Herrick possessed, is to be gifted with one of the surest secrets of success. Where conscious design would tarnish the quality, the instinct for it is little less than priceless as genius itself. A man so constituted is already well on his way to his goals. And both the testimony I read, and the experiences I have enjoyed, confirm in me the belief that no small part of Dr. Herrick's well-rounded success was due to this quality in his soul's make-up, the native trait of reaching lofty ends by the charming way of holding friendship only second to life's primary aims.

For I must think it true of Dr. Herrick (as it should be true of every first-rate man, that those lofty, life-long ends of his were practically omnipotent in the council chamber of his soul. Read again those sketches in CONGREGATIONAL MINNESOTA, and receive this unescapable impression: that young Herrick as a lad beheld the glory of certain visions and ideals; and that Herrick the man, ten, twenty and thirty years after, was still pursuing those dreams.

In the portrait of his "Happy Warrior," Wordsworth places among the loftiest qualities this graphic touch: He must be a man who, "when brought

> Among the tasks of real life, hath wrought
> Upon the plan that pleased his childish thought."

Too common among the perils of middle life is this of forgetting the air-castles. Toys and playthings are for the soul of youth by which it grows. Here was a man for whom the "vision splendid" was not permitted to fade into the light of common day. Attracted early in boyhood to the career of a missionary a missionary he was ordained, and a missionary he remained to the end. This is his brother Henry's verdict on the life he knew so well; "It followed very closely the high ideals implanted in childhood." This is what Dr. Ewing means, who knew him intimately through twenty-seven years of service with the Sunday School and publishing Society. "He never could be swerved," says Dr. Ewing, "from this deliberate choice of his young manhood." So these two traits, as I think of friendliness and fidelity to the early aims, must be recalled with pleasure and approval by all who would fairly and fully hold Dr. Herrick in memory.

For a closing word let me now turn to look forward and upward after him whom the clouds have received out of our sight. Does he abide on earth still? I can imagine George Eliot's reverie of innocent envy, as, half skeptical of any other world beyond, she saw and weighed and measured the very real and earthly sequel of some career of human kindness and neighborly service,—some one

> "Of those immortal dead who live again
> In minds made better by their presence."

A post-mortem earthly activity is doubtless a very real thing, for men both good and bad. Plain sight, perhaps, of some radiantly useful life cut off at a blow from further initiative, roused Eliot's poet fancy to picture and pine for and preach her gospel of what she calls "that purest heaven" —"to live in pulses stirred to generosity,"

> "be to other souls
> The cup of strength in some great agony,
> Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,
> Beget the smiles that have no cruelty—
> Be the sweetened presence of a good diffused,
> And in diffusion ever more intense.
> And so to join the choir invisible
> Whose music is the gladness of the world.'

Where is the man, where is even the devoutest Christian, pious to the dangerous verge of other-worldliness, with eyes that ever and anon lift toward eternity, where is he who thus visualizes in faith the Lord Jesus even now preparing the mansions, who would not also yearn and pray that it might be his lot to share something of George Eliot's quite mundane "choir invisible, whose music is the gladness of the world?"

Make real to yourselves then, if you can in imagination, the little children, the anxious mothers, the humble homes in city and forest and prairie, thousands of them, made better, made happier, gladdened literally with the music of children's voices singing in hundreds of Sunday Schools, gladdened with the music of Christian joy and peace and redemption singing in ten thousand hearts, because of the work directly and indirectly

shepherded by our first and only State Sunday School Superintendent in Minnesota.

Dare if you will to put your life beside his, and challenge yourself with the question: "Will the stream of my being, poured into other lives, be the sweet presence of a good diffused?" Will it in diffusion grow ever more intense until remote generations shall be holier, happier because I have lived?" In answer I suppose most of us here present today would say that Dr. Herrick's chance of wide reaching posthumous influence far excels our own.

But we believe more than that of him. We press to our hearts the faith of continued and immortal identity. We believe that Dr. Herrick is even now in the presence of the Christ. Even the frankly socialized gospel of a Rauschenbusch affirms that "A perfect religious hope must include eternal life for the individual, as well as a Kingdom of God for humanity here on earth." Beautiful and true and indescribably worth striving for as it is, to join the choir invisible of those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence; a something far more worth striving for, though it hath never entered into the heart of man to conceive, God hath revealed to us by His Spirit. Visible to spiritual insight and to faith is that glorified orchestral company of harpers "harping with their harps" accompanying that volume of choral praise like the voice of multitudinous waters "where they sing as it were a new song before the throne. For they are without fault before the throne of God."

W. C. A. WALLAR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

W. L. SUTHERLAND, Acting Superintendent.

For twenty-six consecutive years a marked feature of the meetings of this body has been the annual Sunday school report of Superintendent Herrick.

The meeting of 1888 at Owatonna received a report from the committee of two years' standing on securing a Sunday school secretary in which they recommended Rev. R. P. Herrick, general missionary of the American Home Missionary Society be nominated to the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society for appointment to this position. Mr. Herrick was so nominated unanimously and enthusiastically by the Association, as it was called. He was promptly appointed by the Sunday School Society, which made ample provision for his support. And he began at once his ministry to the churches of our order in this state in their Sunday school work covering twenty-six years and nine months. This work, year by year, has come before this body in his reports which, taken together, form not only a record of remarkable achievements, but constitute a body of prophetic and statesmanlike documents of unusual number and weight enriching the archives of this conference.

In contrast with these reports that of today covering the remaining nine months of his administration and the three months since his death will be meager. For the nine months he was seriously handicapped by his illness. Notwithstanding this the records of his work show surprisingly large results, many of which are of a nature which does not allow of tabulation which I think is true of the work of every true missionary. Mr. Conrad's faithful and valuable work as a Sunday school officer closed November first and while my own connection with the Sunday School Society has continued through the year it will be remembered that my activity in distinctively Sunday school work, missionary or educational, has been limited because of my duties to the Minnesota Congregational Missionary Society whose commission I also bore as superintendent for Northern Minnesota. And somehow that Society has so much in the way of great opportunities and pressing emergencies in the region I tried to cover that had there been at its disposal the time and strength of several men instead of half that of one man all could have been well employed. So there was left to the equally important and less insistent work of the Sunday school but a meager fraction of time. We hoped to have some student work provided for by the Women's Union. Arrangements for this were begun by Dr. Herrick, but failed of completion. Several pastors and laymen during the year have rendered valuable aid in reaching out of the way places. But it will be seen that available force for aggressive work has been limited.

Without question our work has suffered. It would be difficult to tabu-

late the losses. First among the churches. There is constant opportunity for needed help in many churches in making the Sunday school more efficient as a means of laying hold of a larger constituency.

Second there are many churches that need help in adopting the most approved principles and methods of Sunday school work to their own needs. To sit down for an evening with the officers and teachers of a church school about to adopt the graded lessons or finding difficulty in their use with the books of the several grades in hand and familiarly discuss its aims, methods, reasons, results, etc., will go very far toward securing an intelligent and consistent use of them. Only very little work of this character has been possible.

The other loss has been the unavoidable neglect of the smaller and more remote neighborhoods whose only public religious services are those of the Sunday schools under our auspices. And there are many of them in Minnesota. Most of the 157 places in Minnesota reported for our Congregational Year Book were where we are responsible for branch and mission schools of this character. I think of the relation of these needy places to places of larger development and strength where we have church organization, building, pastors, as I think of the child in his cradle or the toddling, wee thing who clings to his mother's garments as related to his brothers and sisters who are at school, at work, some perhaps making homes for themselves. I dislike to think of a family where the parents neglect the baby to give more full and needed education to the older children and I do not like to think of the many, many places to which I would have been glad to go during the year but have not because of the more important and promising places which required attention. It is not that we lose many of these places by neglect, but it is that we fail to care for them and that means often, no one cares for them.

We have not sought such communities for new organizations the past year. But twenty-four new schools have been added to our lists during the year, five resulting from the personal work of the representatives of the Society and nine added by correspondence, literature, etc., but organized and reported by pastors and others. Nearly all these newer schools have now pastoral care. The enrollment of these schools is 820. Nearly all are in neighborhoods where there are no other public religious services.

The day has not come in Minnesota when Congregationalists can afford to slight or consider as a matter of secondary importance the care of these places through the Sunday school as an evangelizing agency.

There are two things I wish to call to your attention at this time.

First: In the earlier years the Sunday School Society paid a large part of the expense of our general Sunday school work, and up to the present time it has generously met our needs. Some measure of recognition of their interests and rights in our work, which is theirs also, should characterize us as a conference as we adopt plans by which we seem to cut ourselves loose from them. In the adjustment between the Sunday

School Society and this conference I trust we may not fail to remember their long continued hearty and helpful co-operation.

Second: In adopting a policy by which we employ a very different system of care for the mission schools from that followed by the Society we should be very sure to conserve the results of this work.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your committee wishes to express its keen sense of the loss it has suffered in the death of our beloved S. S. superintendent, Rev. R. P. Herrick, D. D., to whose supervision and kindly interest the Congregational Sunday schools of Minnesota owe so much, and with whom the committee delighted to work in close co-operation. His protracted illness and lamented death naturally retarded the committee's work. However, several conferences were held with the acting superintendent, Rev. W. L. Sutherland, at the last of which the following matters were recommended for incorporation into the annual report:

Whereas, it is reported that in some cases the relation between the Sunday school and the church is exceedingly loose and almost independent the one of the other, we recommend that in the churches of our Conference the Sunday schools be considered as an integral part of the local church, and that its officers and teachers be either selected by, or subject to the approval of the church.

The one department of our Bible schools that perhaps needs more attention than it is now receiving is the Adult Department. It cannot be too frequently emphasized that the present day up-to-date school is for men and women, as well as for young people and boys and girls. Wherever possible separate rooms should be provided and if the international lessons do not meet the requirements, such texts as Speer's: "The Principles of Jesus," or Foster's: "The Manhood of the Master," may be used with profit, with the understanding, however, that no book no matter how helpful shall crowd to one side the Word of God.

Our Congregational Bible schools ought to make a larger use of the workers and facilities of the State S. S. Association. Minnesota is so large and the resources at our command are so meager that this splendid interdenominational agency that covers the field so thoroughly can be of great assistance to us. The new headquarters of the Association are located at 516 People's Bank Building, St. Paul.

Recognizing that one of the greatest weaknesses in our schools today lies in our inability to hold the young men and young women, we recommend as an effective means of closing up this gap in the ranks between the 'teen age and adults that all 'teen age classes be organized and registered, and that under the close supervision of the teacher such social and class activities be carried on as will gain the active interest and co-operation of the scholars through the natural social and gang instincts which are so dominant in the youth at that period.

We believe it will also be necessary to have, standing as the goal of all these organized 'teen age classes, a popular, organized young men's class, and also one for young women, into which at about 17 or 18 years of age these other classes will merge. These latter classes will be drawn from

each year for teachers and officers of the school, for teacher-training classes, and they will naturally be depleted by other methods, but they will be augmented each year by the younger classes merging into them. The object of this plan is two-fold: First, it will give to the scholars of the Junior and Intermediate Departments a clearer idea of the co-ordinated arrangement by which they will pass onward and upward into the older classes; and second, it will tend to lessen the clique spirit that is apt to characterize the organized class.

Finally, we heartily recommend the use of the graded lessons in all of the departments of the schools. While they require careful attention and diligent teaching we believe them to be scientifically right and productive of splendid results if followed carefully and intelligently. There must be on the part of the superintendent and teachers an honest effort to carry the methods outlined in the graded course, and especially should a strong effort be put forth to induce the scholars to do the work outlined in the graded course if the greatest good is to be obtained.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. DRAKE,
GEO. MAHLON MILLER,
A. M. BURCH.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATTER.

As in former years, the library of the Minnesota Historical Society has continued to receive, and preserve for future reference, many publications of great interest and utility for the history of Congergational churches, missions, and all our denominational work throughout this state. Besides printed reports of this Conference and of the District Associations and of such churches as publish their annual reports, this library has files of nearly all the newspapers of Minnesota, in which a great amount of church news is given. In addition to these sources of information, we wish to receive for the Historical Library, from pastors and other church officers, all publications of sermons and addresses, proceedings of anniversary celebrations, and pamphlet and newspaper articles relating to the churches, their missionary societies, and Sunday schools.

From all these records, and from narrations by the surviving founders of our churches, this committee earnestly recommends that some friend and sharer in our state Congregational work will ere long put together a consecutive and thorough history of this work, to be published as a companion book of similar size and noble spirit as the History of Carleton College, written by Dr. D. L. Leonard, which was published in the year 1904. Such a book, recording what has already been done, would be blessed, we believe, as an incentive to continued and increasing zeal for more abundant work in the vineyard of our Lord and Savior, yet waiting to be done.

WARREN UPHAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION.

This committee represents the Congregational churches of the state on an interdenominational commission composed of similar committees from a number of other denominations. The chairman of the commission has called no meeting during the year. Hence, we have done nothing, and have no report to make.

We would, however, express our feeling of the very great need of the service which such a commission is able to render, and our opinion that Congregationalists should continue to manifest a willingness to cooperate with other denominations in the work for which such a commission is designed. We would recommend the appointment of such committee for next year.

EVERETT LESHER.
W. C. A. WALLAR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CARLETON COLLEGE.

The members of the committee on Carleton College, appointed at the State Conference of 1914, were notified to meet at Northfield Friday, September 24th. Four of the committee responded, spending four to five hours in familiarizing themselves with the records and general conditions of the college.

The temptation to elaborate on the high moral and educational tone of the school is a great one. However, the committee feel it their duty to repeat what has often been said: "The curriculum of Carleton College is one fully adapted to meet the great requirements of modern education."

It is impossible to spend a few hours at Northfield without being sensitive to the delightful relationship existing between the people of Northfield and the college. Northfield is proud of Carleton and has a right to be. The pastor of the local church has endeared himself to the student body as a result of his friendly calls and interest in them.

The charge if such there be, of an aristocratic institution is without foundation; one will find the purest kind of democracy at Carleton. Every student has a kindly supervision. Pedigree or material possessions do not place a student on a higher plane than that of his fellows.

The religious life of Carleton is one of the great factors in the life of the college worthy of great space. Carleton regards the spiritual life of its students, as being so valuable an asset to education, that it employs two men who give their entire time to the Bible, History of Religion, and Missions. In this respect Carleton is the only college of which we have any knowledge. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work is vigorous and affords a channel through which the student life finds a great spiritual development. It might be mentioned that chapel is a required duty of every student. One of the most fascinating features of religious expressions is the vesper service, inaugurated by the president. This meets on Sunday afternoons in the Congregational church; speakers of national reputation are invited and the student body responds with a commendable loyalty.

Last year was mentioned as a record year in enrollment, but this year far exceeds the expectations of the faculty. There is an enrollment of 454 as against 426 of last year. Many women had to be refused on account of lack of room. This shows that Carleton has a great place in the program of Christian education. We heartily endorse and commend the desire of the president and trustees, that one of the great needs is the enlarging of the scholarship fund, now standing at $35,000; if raised to $100,000, would prove a source of untold blessing to the students.

The Carleton of today gives one a great vision of the Carleton of the future. In addition to the splendid buildings already erected, there are in course of erection two other buildings; a boy's dormitory and chapel, the

combined cost estimated at $225,000. These buildings will be up to date in every way, the chapel will compare favorably with any other in the land, and will be a permanent testimony to the endeavor of the faculty to keep the spiritual uppermost in the mind of the student. The chapel is a gift of a member of the Congregational church, the money for the dormitory is being raised on the annuity plan and one that commends itself most highly to the Congregationalists of our state.

Carleton will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next year and covets the fellowship of the churches of the state. As one president of a western college said, so Carleton repeats: "We are Congregational, in the sense that a local church is Congregational. We are independent; we manage our own affairs, as every local church does, but we are glad to be considered in the Congregational fellowship." This fiftieth anniversary will be a splendid opportunity for the churches to respond to the invitation for a closer fellowship.

The committee wishes to impress this conference with the fact that the churches of Minnesota are in debt to Carleton College to the amount of $32,000. We trust the conference will endorse the plan as incorporated in the report of the special committee appointed at the last conference. And thus wipe out an obligation that is past due.

We would suggest that the new committee on education be elected on a more permanent basis, and that only part of the committee be retired annually.

Your committee feel that this report would be incomplete unless reference was made to the faculty. We believe that it will be difficult to find a staff of men and women who have the interests of the institution and students at heart like the faculty of Carleton. Many members are making great sacrifices in salaries, because they believe in the future and the mission of the institution. High commendation ought to be expressed, in favor of President D. J. Cowling, who has worked laboriously to bring Carleton to its present condition, and still impresses the school and its visitors with a great vision. A private interview with the President, convinced the committee that such a position is a most difficult one, needing all the requirements of efficient leadership to measure up to the task. The Committee unanimously agreed that in President Cowling Carleton has a man who measures up to the requirements and task demanded of him.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE PHIL SHERIDAN, Chairman.
O. A. BARNES,
FRANCIS D. WHITE,
W. A. BOCKOVEN,
EDWARD M. CONANT,
GEORGE L. TREAT,
Q. H. BATTY,
W. J. ROBB,
A. W. ROSS.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of your Apportionment Committee is unable to be present, and requests the Secretary to present a report.

Three meetings have been held the first in November, one in February and the final one today, seven or more associations being represented at each meeting and the representatives of the Women's Organizations and of the Home Missionary and Sunday School Societies were also present.

Expenses of members living outside the Twin Cities were paid by the Conference Treasurer (except for the meeting held in connection with the sessions of the State conference) amounting to $67.88.

The Schedule of Percentage Distribution for Benevolences has been the same as during 1914, and the totals assigned to the associations the same as during the previous year.

If every association had striven for the amount set as a goal by the State Committee, our State Aim would have been only $55,725, instead of the $60,000 apportioned to Minnesota by the National Commission. More than one Association has not even *aimed* at the goal suggested. We do not know of a single association that has reached its accepted share of the total budget of Denominational Benevolences.

We are morally certain that more churches have used the Every Member Canvass urged by this Committee by letter and personal representatives, and that the total gifts have been materially increased, but we are also morally sure that many churches have not risen to their duty or privilege according to their resources. Your committee recommends as a tentative Schedule of Percentages for Distribution of Benevolences for 1915 that which has been the one for 1915 and 1914, namely:

For Foreign Work 35% divided: 20% A. B. C. F. M.
15% W. B. M. I.

For the Home Land, 65% divided:

30 % Minn. H. M. S.
15 % Minn. W. H. M. U.
5 % A. M. A.
6 % C. C. B. S.
3 % C. E. S.
4½% C. S. S. & P. S.
1½% Minn. Relief.

The Following Resolution:

Whereas the Report of the Treasurer of Benevolences shows gifts to all our Missionary Societies amounting to only $18,000;

Whereas, it is known that our Churches have given several thousands more which are not here reported because the remittances are made direct to the Societies;

Whereas, the failure of the Churches apparently to even aproach the Goal of the State Apportionment, $60,000 is thus misrepresented;

Be it Resolved, That every Church which sends any gifts for Congregational Benevolent purposes to other persons than the State Conference Treasurer of Benevolences, be requested and *urged* either to send all gifts through the State Benevolence Treasurer or before the Annual Meeting of the State Conference to send to the Secretary of the State Apportionment Committee an itemized statement of all gifts to our Congregational Missionary Societies not sent to the State Treasurer of Benevolences.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

GEORGE PLUMER MERRILL, Secretary.

REPORT OF VISITOR TO WINDOM COLLEGE.

On the first day of October I made my second visit to the beautiful town of Montevideo and Windom College. But, in the building itself there was little to remind me of old Windom.

On the evening of January 25th last, the main building was destroyed by fire. Owing to insufficient water pressure it was impossible to use the standpipe and hose in the building which are always kept ready for emergencies. The flames spread so rapidly that there was a loss of nearly everything on the upper floors. There was $9,500 insurance. The foundation and walls were pronounced by an architect and contractor who examined them, safe, and were used in reconstructing the building.

The trustees met at once and ordered plans drawn for the remodeling of Jones Hall into a science hall, with rooms for chapel, library and music. The gymnasium is lengthened to seventy feet. The whole building is cemented in gray. Ample accommodations for recitation rooms are furnished. Windom is better equipped for work, especially in the laboratory department, than ever. There is also practice rooms for music, which have been lacking.

In all in this modern three-story and basement building with its facilities for laboratory, musical and recitation purposes there is little to remind one of the old building except the tablet dedicated to Hon. Mr. Jones, which is placed in a conspicuous place in the entrance, for the new building, like the old, will be known as Jones Hall. The contract price for the new building was about $25,000. Besides this the foundation and walls of the old building, which were used, were worth about $5,000. Thus the new building is worth over $30,000.

Besides this building it is the purpose of the trustees to erect a $30,000 ladies' dormitory as soon as funds are in hand for this purpose. Besides their endowment campaign Windom is now engaged in raising a building fund of $50,000. Mr. Hill has promised $10,000 of this and about $6,000 has already been raised from other sources.

The endowment campaign is temporarily stayed because of the fire. Mr. Hill has extended the time for its completion one year. A financial statement, recently issued, exclusive of the building fund, is as follows:

Windom College has an endowment of invested funds	$70,573.25
Income producing property	15,000.00
	$85,573.25

This came chiefly from the following donors:

W. S. Benton	$25,000.00
Mrs. E. P. Benton	17,000.00

J. H. Davis	5,000.00	
J. H. Davis, lots	15,000.00	
L. L. Stewart	20,000.00	
Mrs. C. M. Fiske	1,000.00	
W. H. M. S.	1,000.00	

We have in addition these pledges:

J. J. Hill	$50,000.00	
Montevideo	50,000.00	
Parties outside of Montevideo	6,500.00	
	$106,500.00	
Conditional pledge	5,000.00	
	$111,500.00	
		$111,500.00
		$197,073.25

Certain pledges, bequests and gifts, indeterminate.

Our Assets.

Campus	$100,000.00
Lake Street property	15,000.00
Mortgages	70,573.25
Cash	8,215.04
	$193,788.29

Our Liabilities.

Floating debt	$23,617.61
Contract for rebuilding	24,844.00
	$48,361.61

My second visit to Windom has reconvinced me that she has a future of which we shall all be proud.

If I were to give in a few words the points that especially impressed me I would mention:

The consecrated effort of her president;
The optimism of her trustees;
The earnest work of her faculty;
The loyalty of her student body.

To this I would like to add the minimum of expense for the student; the average cost of all necessary expenses in connection with a year's work running from $175 to $200.

Mr. Elias Jacobson, for twenty-eight years Clerk of Court of Chippewa county, writes this concerning the field of Windom College. He has no official connection with the college, but as a man of broad vision has been a loyal supporter of Windom:

"Windom College is beautifully located on a high bluff overlooking

the valleys of the Minnesota and Chippewa rivers, about one-half mile from the confluence of the streams. From the campus one has the grandest view over the finest landscape, unsurpassed anywhere in the world. Climatic conditions are good, pure air, spring water, splendid large campus of forty acres, affording opportunities for outdoor sports, such as tennis, baseball, football, boating, fishing, and during the winter months, skating, coasting and ski-running. In addition there is a well-equipped gymnasium. All these things are necessary for maintaining the health and well being of the student body in any school.

Windom College was started primarily for the purpose of educating the youth of the rural community whose opportunity for securing education in early life had been limited, and who would feel diffident about entering a high school, or the grades, where in class work they would be placed side by side with students half their age and size. Hence, the necessity of a school like Windom will readily be admitted by every thinking man and woman.

The next question as to the necessity of this particular school and its future would, in my judgment, be: Is the territory from which this school must draw its support sufficient to furnish students in such numbers as to warrant our efforts in establishing it?

A glance at the map of Minnesota will answer this question emphatically in the affirmative. Why, there is not an academy or college of the kind, where the student can go and secure instruction based on Christian principles, in an area surrounding Montevideo, comprising 60,000 square miles, or nearly as much as all New England. Just think of the mission of this school when we consider that this vast area contains hardly an acre of waste land. On the contrary, it is all of the most fertile kind and cultivated by an industrious, frugal and prosperous, ever growing population, consisting of the best stock of people, native born Americans and immigrants from all the countries of northern Europe and their descendants, all working together for the peaceful development of the country and its resources—and with an ever growing demand for a more advanced knowledge than the ordinary district school can give. Who can say but that Windom College has a field? Who can say but that it has a glorious mission?

All educators agree that among students directly from the rural population we find the most fruitful field. The farm boy or girl comes to the academy or college with a thirst for knowledge, a craving for education. The city student frequently goes to school because he has nothing else to do, or ambitious parents so desire. Often time and money are wasted.

Therefore, let us help the small school or college which takes care of the class of people who sincerely desire to learn but lack opportunity. Give them a chance; they will make good and bless you for your efforts in their behalf. Such will swell the ranks of enlightened American citizenship."

B. A. G. WILLOUGHBY.

REPORT OF VISITOR TO CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Acting in behalf of this conference and at its direction, my visit to Chicago Theological Seminary was made in April last. I spent several days in the pleasant task of reviewing the work of the Seminary, attending lectures, consulting with the president and members of the faculty, and fellowshipping with the students.

I found that the one matter of supreme interest to the officers and teachers of the Seminary was the moving of the graduate school of the Seminary to South Chicago and its affiliation with the University of Chicago. It was expected that this plan would be carried out in the fall and at the time of this conference it is presumably consummated. The reasons for this important change are satisfactory and convincing to anyone who has been watching the tendencies of theological education in recent years. With the widening of the range of the theological curriculum of these days, it is found that the university has much to offer the theological student which he does not find in the isolated seminary. Distinguished teachers of philosophy, psychology and literature are available at the university and these are subjects which interest the student of theology today more than ever before. Moreover, the opportunity of living in the atmosphere of a great university is attractive to many students for the ministry, most of whom are graduates of smaller colleges. Men who desire to lay the foundations of their ministerial training broad and deep are seeking the intellectual and cultural stimulus of the large university and are glad to come in touch with the realities of life through the wider reach of university thought and feeling.

The officers and trustees of Chicago Seminary have taken account of this increasing demand of theological education and are very fortunate in being able to meet it with exceptional opportunities. By its affiliation with the University of Chicago, the Seminary offers its students the privileges of one of the greatest graduate schools in the country. The Seminary will retain its own identity and organization; it will pursue its own peculiar purpose, that of training men for the ministry of Christ. It will strive as earnestly as ever to equip these men with that earnestness of spirit and consecration of heart that has characterized its work in years past.

The immediate need of the Seminary is money for the erection of a suitable building or buildings on the edge of the University campus. For this it makes its appeal to its constituents, the Congregational churches of the Middle West which first brought it into being and pledged themselves to its support.

Any consideration of the needs of Chicago Seminary and the responsibility of our churches therefor should take account first of all of the strategical value of the school to the denomination. Congregationalism boasts of nine theological colleges in the United States. Of these five are in New

England, one in Ohio, one upon the Pacific coast, two in the South, one of which is for colored students, and finally Chicago. And the most casual observation of the Congregational field, as distributed among these schools, reveals the fact that Chicago, with the great Middle West for its constituency, has opportunities and responsibilities greater than any other. It may reasonably expect to draw from a larger territory than the others; it has an extensive parish reaching from Illinois to the Rocky Mountains and from Kansas to the Dakotas. Chicago may claim this as its proper field.

This great region contains many small colleges. And it is from these small colleges of the Middle West largely that the candidates for the ministry have been coming in recent years; another fact that emphasizes the importance of Chicago Seminary.

Furthermore, the future of Congregationalism as a denomination lies right here in this area just described. This is to be the very heart of the real America of the future. The ideas and idealisms of this region will be the dominant ones for the whole land. Here the issues of democracy are to be determined for weal or woe. Here the future religious life of America will be molded. As goes this Middle West in days to come, with its then millions and millions of people, so will go America. The problem then of spiritual leadership for this region is one of the most vital before us today, a problem which will become more critical every year as time goes on.

Congregationalism owes a great responsibility to this region. Its free principles of government, its spirit of self-reliance and independence are peculiarly adaptable to the mind and temper of the Middle West. If it is alive to its opportunities the Congregational church can become a mighty influence in the development of this great inland America, even as it has been able to shape the life of New England. And this responsibility for spiritual leadership which we as Congregationalists acknowledge, goes back of us and rests still more directly and clearly upon Chicago Seminary as our representative. In no better way can we show our loyalty to the Congregational church, our faith in its principles, and our hope in its future than by giving open-handed support to the new plans of Chicago Seminary.

Concerning the present teaching force of the Seminary, it is needless for me to speak. Probably most of the faculty are known to the members of this conference. After spending a few days with them in attendance upon their lectures, I felt that there were few seminaries better equipped to give the student an earnest, intelligent, and practical preparation for the ministry than is Chicago; and I offer this as the judgment of one who has seen and known something of theological colleges both at home and abroad.

As a final word of this report of scattering impressions, I would enjoin the churches in all earnestness to give more heed to that which is going on in the life and thought of our theological colleges. These are church institutions. They are not merely training up those who shall one

day preach the Word, they are voicing the thought of today respecting religion and its relation to life. It is a deplorable thing when the church loses an interest in its theological schools, or withdraws its sympathy from them, deplorable both for the church and for the school. The church life of Scotland is spiritually strong, intellectually vigorous, because the church acknowledges the right of intellectual leadership which belongs to the school, and is not unwilling to follow that leadership. But when the church and the school are rent asunder, the result is a spiritual sterility for the school and an intellectual barrenness for the church. The church and the school need each other. Chicago Seminary needs us; we need Chicago Seminary.

ALVIN C. BACON.

CONSTITUTION

Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This Conference shall be called The Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

Object and Powers.

This Conference shall be incorporated and shall be the instrument of the Congregational churches of the state for all the work they wish to do co-operatively. It shall seek to co-ordinate the several forms of denominational activity engaged in by the churches of the Conference and to systematize and promote the benevolent interests of the denomination within the state.

It shall have power by charter to hold real estate, endowment and other funds, and to exercise such other functions as usually pertain to corporate bodies established for benevolent and non-profit making purposes, but it shall fully respect the Congregational principle of local autonomy.

ARTICLE III.

Doctrine.

It accepts the doctrinal statement issued by the National Council of 1913.

ARTICLE IV.

Membership.

The voting membership of this body shall consist of the pastor and a delegate from each church connected with a District Association recognized by this body, with an additional delegate for each one hundred resident members after the first hundred; also ministerial members of District Associations, officers of the Conference, members of the board of directors, members of all standing committees of the Conference, the president, secretary and treasurer of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Union and of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

Others present at any meeting whose names are proposed by the business committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership, except voting.

ARTICLE V.

District Associations Recognized.

The following District Associations are recognized by this Conference, to-wit: 1, Central Association; 2, Duluth Association; 3, Mankato Association; 4, Minneapolis Association; 5, Minnesota Valley Association; 6, North-

ern Pacific Association; 7, Rainy River Association; 8, St. Paul Assocation; 9, Southeastern Association; 10, Western Association. Other District Associations may hereafter be recognized by vote of this Conference.

ARTICLE VI.

Officers and Committees.

(1) *Designation.* The officers and committees of this Conference shall be as follows: A moderator, assistant moderator, a scribe and an assistant scribe, a treasurer, a registrar, a superintendent, a board of directors, a business committee, a nominating committee, a committee on ministerial qualifications and pastoral supply, an auditing committee, and such other standing and temporary committees as may be appointed by this Conference from time to time.

(2) *Qualifications.* Any member of a Congregational Church in Minnesota may be chosen as an officer, or as a member of any committee of this Conference.

(3) *Election and Duties.* (a.) The moderator, nominated by an informal ballot, shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting for a term of one year, or until his successor shall have been chosen, and his duties shall begin immediately upon the adjournment of said meeting. He shall preside at the meetings of the Conference and perform all the duties generally incumbent upon such an officer. He shall be ex-officio a member of the board of directors.

(b.) The registrar shall be nominated by the board of directors, shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for the term of three years, or until his successor shall have been chosen, and his duties begin immediately upon the adjournment of said meeting. He shall be the permanent secretary of this Conference and record the minutes of each meeting thereof as furnished him by the scribes, also of each session of the board of directors. He shall be ex-officio a member of and secretary of the board of directors, and shall perform the duties that usually pertain to that office. He shall act as custodian of the Conference books, files, pamphlets and general archives, and shall present to each annual session a compiled narrative of the year's history and condition in the churches.

(c.) The assistant moderator, scribe and assistant scribe shall be elected at the beginning of each meeting of the Conference and shall serve at the meeting at which elected. The assistant moderator shall perform the duties of the moderator in his absence. The scribe and the assistant scribe shall be the secretaries of the meeting at which elected, shall keep the minutes thereof and deliver them to the registrar at the close of said meeting.

(d.) The treasurer shall be nominated by the board of directors, shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of three years, or until his successor shall have been chosen, and his duties shall begin immediately upon the adjournment of said meeting. He shall hold the funds of the Con-

ference and shall pay them out only in the manner prescribed by the board of directors, of which board he shall be ex-officio a member. He shall give bonds in such amount as the board of directors shall designate, and shall render a detailed report at the annual meeting of his transactions as treasurer, the report having been audited by the auditing committee of the Conference.

(e.) The superintendent shall be nominated by the board of directors and shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of three years. His duties shall begin immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting at which he is elected. Under the board of directors he shall have general oversight of the work of the Conference in all its departments, and of such work as may not be organized into a department. It shall be his duty to become broadly informed in regard to every phase of work undertaken by the Conference and it shall be his especial duty so to organize, direct and co-ordinate all of the work of the Conference that each phase of the work may be given its proper emphasis and all of the work may be done with the greatest efficiency and economy of time and money. He shall visit and advise with pastorless churches, and shall assist with fraternal counsel any pastor or church. He shall make a regular quarterly report to the board of directors with which body he may sit in counsel as an advisory member. He shall also make a full report of his administration to the Conference at its annual meeting. The first election of a superintendent under this Constitution shall be made upon nomination by a committee consisting of the moderator, the Conference committee on Sunday-school work and the executive committee of the board of directors of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

The superintendent shall be eligible to the office of registrar.

Such assistant superintendents and pastors at large shall be employed by the board of directors as may be deemed necessary, and their territory shall be so divided geographically as to bring adequate denominational leadership into every section of the state.

(f.) The board of directors shall consist of the moderator, six members at large and at least three of whom shall be laymen, and one member from each District Association, who shall be nominated by said association and elected by the Conference. Any association failing to nominate, it shall become the duty of the nominating committee of the Conference to make such nomination.

At the first election under this Constitution directors from the odd numbered associations in the order named in Article 5 and three of the directors at large shall be elected for a term of three years. Dirctors from the even numbered associations, and the three remaining directors at large, shall be elected for two years. Thereafter all directors shall be elected for the term of three years as their terms expire. Any person except the registrar, treasurer, superintendent, who may have served two terms, shall be ineligible to re-election for one year thereafter.

The board of directors shall hold regular quarterly meetings. Its powers and duties, other than herein specified, shall be those usual to directorates of non-financial corporations in this state. It shall have the general management of the affairs of the Conference as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws thereof, and shall make annual reports to the Conference, with such recommendations as it may deem wise. Unless otherwise directed by the Conference or by its Constitution and By-Laws, it shall have full power to choose its own chairman, who shall be president of the corporation and to organize in such manner as, in its own opinion, the needs of the work require; to direct the collection and administration of the funds of the Conference and to appoint and fix the salaries of such persons as the efficient prosecution of the work of the Conference may require.

The following departments of the work of the Conference shall be represented by regular sub-committees of the board of directors: (a) Home Missions, (b) Sunday Schools, (c) Church Building, (d) City Missions, (e) Ministerial Relief, (f) Christian Education, (g) Foreign Missions, (h) Woman's Organizations, (i) Apportionment. These committees shall be appointed by the board of directors. The chairman, at least, of each committee shall be selected from the board of directors. The members of these committees who are not members of the board of directors, shall be regarded as advisory members of the board, entitled to advise it on affairs of their own department, but without vote. These committees shall make regular quarterly reports to the board of directors, making such recommendations as shall tend to insure the proper promotion of every phase of our denominational work. Each committee whose specific work is subordinate to, or closely allied with, one of our National Societies, shall serve as the state representative of said society and shall assist such society in the local administration of its work and in promoting the cause it represents among the churches of the state.

(g.) The business committee shall consist of the moderator and four other persons, two of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of two years; provided that at the first election under this Constitution, two shall be elected for the term of one year, and two for the term of two years. The pastor of the church with which the annual meeting of the Conference is held shall be an advisory member of the committee for the year preceding said meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for each annual meeting and to serve as the business committee of such meeting. In case of the absence of a member of this committee, the moderator shall appoint one to act in his place.

(h) The nominating committee shall consist of five persons, two of whom shall be elected at the first annual meeting under this Constitution for one year, and three for a term of two years thereafter. The members of the committee shall be elected for two years as their terms expire. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate to the Conference a suitable

person or persons for each of the offices and standing committees of the Conference for whose nomination provision has not been otherwise made in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference. The report of this committee, as well as nominations by the board of directors, shall not be construed to exclude nominations from the floor of the Conference. Members of the nominating committee shall be nominated by a temporary committee of three named by the moderator and approved by the Conference.

(i.) The auditing committee shall consist of one or more persons, elected at each annual meeting, for the term of one year, their duty to begin on the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected. This committee shall carefully audit the accounts of the treasurer of the Conference and shall present to the annual meeting of the Conference a certified report of the year preceding such meeting.

(j.) The committee on ministerial qualifications and pastoral supply shall consist of six persons, two of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of three years; provided, that at the first election under this Constitution two shall be elected for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and two for a term of three years. It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange for a course of study for applicants for ordination who have not completed a course in a theological seminary, or its equivalent; oversee the candidates in the pursuit of this course of study, and certify the result to the District Association. It shall also assist the superintendent in the matter of pastoral supply.

(k.) Until an election under this Constitution, the officers and committees provided in the former Constitution shall continue to serve, with all the powers conferred upon them by the Conference.

(l.) *Vacancies.* Any vacancies in any of the offices and standing committees of this Conference shall be filled by the board of directors till the next annual meeting of the Conference, at which time the Conference shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII.

Time of Meeting.

The annual meeting of this Conference shall begin on the last Tuesday in September and close as directed by the business committee. Should an exigency arise requiring an extra meeting of this body, or a change from the appointed time and place, such appointment or change may be made by the moderator, registrar, chairman of the business committee, superintendent and chairman of the board of directors, or by three of these upon giving adequate notice.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of this Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present; provided, that a notice of such proposed alteration, embodying the substance thereof, shall have

been printed in the published program of the meeting; and provided further, that any amendment of this article shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote at two successive annual meetings.

Any By-Laws of the Conference may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES.

1. The annual meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence by the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the meeting is held.

2. The Secretary, with tellers appointed by the Chair, shall collect the names of members, of the church each delegate represents, and of the conference to which each minister belongs. On the following morning the roll shall be read, and the organization completed.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning for correction, and the corrected Minutes shall be read for approval before the final adjournment.

4. Every motion, if requested, shall be reduced to writing, and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall take charge of all reports presented to this body, and all papers received.

5. In debate, no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Moderator, on the opening day of the annual meeting at which he presides, shall deliver an address upon the religious aspects and spiritual progress of Congregationalism in Minnesota.

7. The Registrar shall collect statistics from the associations and churches, shall record and report to the Moderator events of special significance in the work of the year, as reported by the registrars, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, for which service he may receive reasonable compensation.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Association Registrars the funds due this body from associations, according to the appointment made by the Board of Directors.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting and publish the same at least two weeks before the time of meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when all papers and reports shall be received. They shall provide for at least one devotional meeting each day at a time favorable for general attendance. New business shall be introduced only through the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Conference.

10. The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications and Pastoral Supply shall be the Committee on Credentials and propose the names of Honorary Members.

11. The Business Committee shall be the Committee of Arrangements.

12. The Board of Directors shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year and apportion the same among the associations, such apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

13. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each, ordinarily, to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot after nomination by informal ballot to represent the Congregational churches of the State at the National Council.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

YEAR		PLACE	MODERATOR.	PREACHER AND TEXT.
1	56	St. Anthony...	Rev. Sherman Hall.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens; John 1:4.
2	57	Prescott, Wis..	Rev. L. Armsby	Rev. C. B. Sheldon; II Cor. 4:7.
3	58	Faribault	Rev. D. Andrews	Rev. Richard Hall; Rev. 11:15.
4	59	Winona	Rev. C. Seccombe.....	Rev. L. Armsby; Rev. 3:8.
5	60	St. Paul	Rev. D. Burt	Rev. D. Andrew; Isa. 55:10, 11.
6	61	Anoka	Rev. O. Thomas	Rev. A. S. Fisk; Phil. 4:6.
7	62	Northfield	Rev. Chas. Shedd	Rev. Chas. Shedd; II Thes. 2:18.
8	63	Lake City.....	Rev. W. R. Stevens.....	Rev. J. W. Millen; John 17:20, 21.
9	64	Rochester	Bro. C. M. Goodsell.....	Rev. C. Seccombe; Prov. 14:10.
10	65	Minneapolis ...	Bro. R. G. Lincoln.....	Rev. D. Burt; Eph. 2:1.
11	66	Faribault	Bro. W. G. Copp.....	Rev. A. B. Smith; Matt. 33:8.
12	67	St. Cloud	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D..	Rev. E. J. Hart; Luke 19:11, 27.
13	68	Austin	Bro. S. W. Furber.....	Rev. A. Fuller; Job. 40:3: 42:5, 27.
14	69	Owatonna	Bro. J. L. Noyes.....	Rev. E. Gale; John 4:22, 12.
15	70	Northfield	Bro. R. J. Baldwin.....	Rev. W. B. Dana; Mark 4:28.
16	71	St. Anthony...	Pres. J. W. Strong, D.D..	Rev. C. C. Salter, D.D.; Isa. 40:3.
17	72	Lake City.....	Rev. S. H. Barteau.....	Rev. E. M. Williams, D.D.; Rom. 1:16.
18	73	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. H. M. Tenney, D.D.; Phil. 2:15.
19	74	Winona	Rev. H. A. Stimson, D.D.	Rev. C. M. Terry; I Cor. 6:9, 17.
20	75	Minneapolis ...	Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D....	Rev. J. W. Ray; Rom. 1:16.
21	76	Austin	Rev. E. M. Williams, D.D.	Rev. George A. Wood; Eph. 3:8.
22	77	Faribault	Rev. David Burt	Rev. C. W. Merrill; II Tim. 4:2.
23	78	Mankato	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.	Rev. J. H. Morley; Matt. 16:19, 16.
24	79	Minneapolis ...	Hon. A. H. Young.....	Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.; Heb. 11:1.
25	80	Northfield	Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D.; Matt. 23:8, 10.
26	81	Rochester	Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....	Rev. C. E. Wright, D.D.; Matt. 11:4.
27	82	St. Paul	Bro. H. W. Page.....	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D.; Matt. 16:14, 15.
28	83	Lake City	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, D.D.	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.; Isa. 50:4.
29	84	St. Cloud	Rev. M. W. Montgomery.	Prof. A. H. Pearson; Phil. 1:21.
30	85	Winona	Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D.	Rev. H. C. Hovey, D.D.; Jer. 32:8.
31	86	Minneapolis ...	Rev. C. W. Merrill.....	Rev. John H. Crum, D.D.; I Tim. 1:19.
32	87	Fergus Falls...	Prof. Geo. Huntington...	Rev. M. W. Montgomery; Isa. 21:6; I Cor.2:2
33	88	Owatonna	Rev. C. E. Wright, D.D..	Rev. J. W. Hargrave; II Tim. 2:15.
34	89	St. Paul	Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.....	Rev. I. L. Cory; Luke 12:33.
35	90	Northfield	Rev. G. R. Merrill, D.D..	Rev. E. M. Noyes; Matt. 5:13.
36	91	Duluth	Rev. H. W. Gleason.....	Rev. A. H. Heath, D.D.; Rom. 1:15.
37	92	Minneapolis ...	Rev. J. F. Taintor.....	Rev. J. A. Chamberlain; John 14:12.
38	93	St. Paul	Rev. Smith Baker, D.D...	Rev. L. L. West, D.D.; Mark 13:37.
39	94	Austin	Bro. C. W. Hackett.....	Rev. J. E. McConnell; I Chron. 12:32.
40	95	Alexandria ...	Hon. D. C. Bell.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D.D.; Matt. 6:11.
41	96	Faribault	Rev. G. E. Soper.....	Rev. T. Merrill Edmands; Phil. 1:9.
42	97	Montevideo ...	Dean Horace Goodhue...	Rev. John A. Stemen; Luke 24:36.
43	98	Owatonna	Rev. R. S. Cross.....	Rev. J. W. Todd; Rom. 8:19.
44	99	Rochester	Hon. Lyndon A. Smith..	Rev. S. J. Rogers; I Cor. 10:21.
45	00	Northfield	Rev. L. L. West, D.D....	Rev. J. F. Taintor; Rev. 19:10.
46	01	Minneapolis ...	Hon. D. P. Jones.....	Rev. Wm. H. Medlar; Isa. 49:9; Num.23:23
47	02	Fergus Falls...	Rev. Alexander Milne....	Rev. Herman P. Fisher; Acts 13:2.
48	03	St. Paul.....	Rev. S. G. Smith, D.D...	Rev. Henry Holmes; Luke 24:40.
49	04	Duluth	Hon. A. A. Miller.....	Rev. L. H. Hallock, D.D.; 2 Cor. 4:18.
50	05	Winona	Rev. F. H. Oehler.....	Rev. Geo. S. Rollins; Acts 1:14.
51	06	Minneapolis ...	Dean W. S. Pattee.....	Pres. Jas. W. Strong, LL.D.; Luke 12:15.
52	07	New Ulm.....	Rev. Willis A. Warren...	Rev. Chas. E. Burton, I John 1:3.
53	08	Faribault	Walter N. Carroll.....	Rev. Alexander Milne; Hebs. 12:27.
54	09	Minneapolis ...	Rev. R. P. Herrick, D.D..	Rev. Harry P. Dewey, D.D.; John 1:14-16.
55	10	Crookston	Pres. Chas. W. Cooper..	Rev. Clement G. Clarke, D.D.; Luke 6:12.
56	11	Alexandria	Rev. John H. Albert.....	Pres. Donald J. Cowling, I John 4:8.
57	12	Northfield	Hon. David P. Jones....	Rev. Frank E. Knopf; John 5:19.
58	13	Minneapolis ...	Harry P. Dewey.....	Rev. Theophilus S. Devitt; Rom. 10:10.
59	14	Wadena	Lowell E. Jepson.....	Rev. C. N. Thorp; Matt. 5:17.
60	15	Waseca	Ed B. Dean.....	Rev. J. P. Miller.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. C. Seccombe .....1856—1870
Rev. R. Hall .....1871—1875
Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....1882—1889
Bro. W. Cheney .....1876—1878
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....1879—1881

Secretary: Rev. S. W. Dickinson.....1889—1901
" Rev. Samuel J. Rogers.....1901—1910
" Rev. M. B. Morris.....1910—1914
" Rev. H. K. Painter.....1914—1915

ASSOCIATIONS

I. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, June 19, 1916.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER, Geo. L. Treat.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE, Rev. W. J. Brown, Mora.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. W. F. Dougherty, Geo. L. Treat, Rev. Henry Holmes.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Alexandria	190	Deacon Geo. L. Treat	Frederick Osten-Sacken
Big Lake	58	Albert J. Johnson	Rev. F. B. Marks
Burtrum	26	Mrs. Jessie A. Krousey	Herman T. Krousey
Cable	22	Mrs. M. Scherfenberg (a)	W. H. Gimblett
Clarissa	19	Mrs. G. T. Morey	James Carter (f)
Clearwater	73	Mrs. Carrie M. Finch	...
Culdrum, Swedish	30	J. A. Peterson (b)	J. Albert Peterson (g)
Glenwood	127	Mrs. Alice Grant	A. G. Goggins
Hasty	47	Mrs. E. D. Sheldon	...
Little Falls	204	Miss Sadie Fuller	Philip E. Gregory
Little Falls, Swedish	11	Ernest Rocene	J. Albert Peterson
Monticello	92	B. M. Barker	Henry Holmes (h)
Orrock	7	Grace Craig (c)	...
Pillsbury	...	...	Herman T. Krousey
Round Prairie	40	Mrs. A. W. Upton (d)	Herman T. Krousey
St. Cloud, Swedish	91	Emil Satterberg	Ernest V. Bjorklund
Sauk Center	140	Deacon James A. Norris	William J. Brown(i)
Sauk Rapids	46	Miss Helen Montgomery	William H. Gimblett
Swanville	11	...	Herman T. Krousey (i)
Villard	...	...	...
Wondel Brook	25	Manuel Ekstrand, (e)	Samuel Arnquist (e)

(a) St. Cloud, R. F. D. (b) Little Falls, R. 2 (c) Big Lake (d) Round Prairie
(e) Milaca (f) Eagle Bend (g) Little Falls
(h) Big Lake (i) Mora

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Philip E. Gregory, Clinton A. Bilig, N. J. Boline, W. J. Brown, Henry Holmes, H. T. Krousey, A. J. Moncol, Charles M. Stevens, Alfred A. Secord.

II. DULUTH ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, First Church, Brainerd, May 23-24, 1916.
MODERATOR, Christian Bruhn.
ACTING REGISTRAR, Rev. Charles N. Thorp, 1131 East First St., Duluth.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Charles N. Thorp, Christian Bruhn, Rev. Omer G. Mason.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Aitkin	89	A. L. Hamilton	William E. Hammond
Backus	31	Moses Zaffke	D. T. Jenkins
Biwabik	40	Dr. C. W. Bray	.....
Brainerd, First	147	Percy W. Donovan	Geo. Phil. Sheridan
Brainerd, People's	34	Mrs. Alice J. Green	.....
Duluth, Pilgrim	506	Brewer Mattocks, Jr.	Charles N. Thorp
Duluth, Fond du Lac, Hope	23	James W. Russell	.....
Federal Dam	9	D. J. Mereness	.....
Grand Marais	18	James G. Scott	William H. Ripon
Hackensack, Union	11	W. E. Bodenhofer	D. T. Jenkins
Remer	21	Mrs. C. A. Lewis	Omer G. Mason
Walker	21	Geo. Michael	Geo. Michael

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Jeremiah Kimball, George Michael, Henry M. Pinkerton, Harry R. Harris, Oscar Arvid Granholm, George Phil Sheridan, Charles N. Thorp, William E. Hammond, Omer G. Mason.

III. MANKATO ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, Belgrade Church, Mankato, May, 1916.
MODERATOR, Rev. Edward Constant, Mankato.
REGISTRAR AND TREASURER, Rev. Geo. E. Brown, Belgrade Church, Mankato, R. F. D. No. 6.
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Edward Constant, Chairman; Thomas Hughes, W. L. McQueen, Moderator and Registrar ex-officiis.
COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE, Chairman Rev. W. E. Griffith, Waseca.
BUSINESS COMMITTEE, Chairman Rev. Geo. E. Brown, Belgrade Church, Mankato.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Cambria, Salem	89	E. L. Harris (Cambria)	.....
Center Chain, Fairmont	18	.....	.....
Ceylon, Federated	18	.....	.....
Edgerton	74	Mrs. L. A. Gullick	Norman McLeod
Ellsworth	12	Mrs. Lulu Barnes	(Hugh T. Owen, Lic.)
Fairmont	190	Clarence O'Hara	Arthur E. Richards
Freeborn	76	Mrs. Allan Burdick	Irving C. Campbell
Freedom, Pemberton	7	Mrs. Abby Olson	Irving C. Campbell
Granada	39	.....	Rev. M. Nash
Kasota	48	Mrs. Sarah E. Rice	A. J. Peterson
Mankato, First	167	.....	Edward Constant
Mankato, Swedish	58	Mrs. Thos. Hughes	A. J. Peterson
Mankato, Belgrade	62	Mrs. F. E. Jefferson	Geo. E. Brown
Mapleton	101	Mrs. L. W. Krueger	Edmund Larke
Matawan, Wells	36	Mrs. Edward Welse (Wells)	Irving C. Campbell
New Richland	62	Mrs. Gertrude Gage	(J. Kent Warden, Lic.)
St. Clair	...	.....	.....
Sherburn	59	Wm. F. Brundage	Caleb L. Rotch
Waseca	126	J. A. Erickson	Wm. E. Griffith
Worthington	92	Deacon George O. Moore	Andrew W. Ross

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Resident, Geo. E. Brown, Irving J. Campbell, William E. Griffith, Edmund Larke.
Non-resident: Geo. K. Carter, Cornelius J. Gall, Thomas L. Griffith, Robert E. Roberts.
Licentiates: Hugh T. Owen, J. Kent Warden.

IV. MINNEAPOLIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, Lynhurst Church, Minneapolis, May 2, 1916.

CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE, Rev. Walter W. Blair, 4608 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis.

MODERATOR, Rev. Perry A. Sharpe, 3349 5th Ave. So., Minneapolis.

REGISTRAR, Rev. E. A. Drake, 3113 Fremont Ave. No., Minneapolis.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. J. P. Miller, S. H. Pond, D. D. Webster, the Moderator, the Registrar.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Anoka	173	Edward L. Curial	C. J. Greenwood
Brownton	50	Miss A. B. Canfield	W. T. Dawson
Elk River	140	Mrs. Frederick Nickerson	J. C. Evans
Excelsior	219	Miss Ella M. Stratton	A. M. Hanson
Fair Oaks	9	Miss F. Boxwell, R. 4 (a)	(No minister)
Gaylord	51	G. O. Gaylord	B. L. Richardson
Glencoe	146	L. W. Gilbert	
Groveland	32	Mrs. L. A. Alger, R. 2 (b)	H. A. Risser, Wayzata R. 3
Hutchinson	105	Mrs. B. B. Farber	Horace L. Wiley
Milaca	37	Mrs. George Y. Short	
Minnewashta	43	Clarence Empsey (Eureka)	(No minister)
Minneapolis—First	323	Miss Georgia Burgess	Harry Deiman
Plymouth	1175	Geo. W. Wakefield	Harry P. Dewey
Park Avenue	749	G. W. Teitsworth	Alvin C. Bacon
Pilgrim	554	E. C. Scarborough	John P. Miller
Vine	11[illegible]	J. W. Parsons	Hobart K. Painter
Como Avenue	185	Alice Silloway	B. A. G. Willoughby
Union, St. Louis Park	99	Mrs. S. F. Hamilton	Wm. J. Warner
Open Door		R. E. Blair	Russell H. Stafford
Morningside	35	H. G. Onsted	Russell H. Stafford
Lyndale	483	Francis C. Frary	(No minister)
Fremont Avenue	224	F. J. Cadwell	Edward A. Drake
Fifth Avenue	426	L. R. Whiting	Perry A. Sharpe
Mizpah, Hopkins	35	Sophia G Beckman	Fred Harrison
Bethany	86	James Moffet	James W. Morehouse
Robbinsdale	119	Henry A. Morse	Horatio C. Payne
Lowry Hill	375	Adelbert H. Taylor	John W. Powell
Lynnhurst	243	Clarence R. Chaney	W. Walter Blair
Oak Park	89	Miss Edna Harvey	Clement C. Campbell
Forest Heights	252	Miss C. Monica Ralph	
Temple, Swedish	377	Axel Anderson	O. W. Carlson
Thirty-Eighth St.	104	Harlan Smith	Ira Schuler
Linden Hills	375	J. Frank Campbell	Ernest E. Day
Minnehaha	63	Mrs. Earl M. Birdsahl	(No minister)
Edina	43	Miss Frances Kell	Edward W. Hale
New Brighton	23	Shirley W. Reasoner	J. W. Morehouse
Prineeton	142	Henry Shockiey	Samuel Johnson
Sandstone	9	August Walden	(No minister)
Silver Lake	113	Frank Totusek	Edmund Wibitzky
Spencer Brook	38	Andrew Dunder (Isanti)	O. F. Johnson (Cambridge)
Stewart	18	Mrs. A. Eynon	W. T. Dawson
Wayzata	93	Mrs. J. M. Davies	Peter A. Cool

(a) Anoka (b) Hopkins

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS, RESIDENT: Alvin C. Bacon, Clement C. Campbell, Harry P. Dewey, W. T. Dawson, James Earl, Charles B. Fellows, A. M. Hanson, George H. Kemp, John P. Miller, George P. Merrill, James Parsons, James E. Parker, Perry A. Sharpe, A. H. Tebbetts, Horace S. Wiley, B. A. G. Willoughby, Harry Deiman, B. L. Richardson, W. Walter Blair, Peter A. Cool, Edward A. Drake, Ernest E. Day, Matt Evans, Edward W. Hale, Samuel Johnson, Eli C. Lyons, James W. Morehouse, Hobart K. Painter, Horatio C. Payne, George H. Richardson, Owen M. Snyder, Edmund Wibitsky, Russell H. Stafford, F. J. Bruno, W. J. Warner.

NON-RESIDENT: Emil A. Anderson, Carl B. Bjuge, Walter G. Carlson, Alden H. Clarke, James W. Cool, Howard M. Jones, Andrew P. Nelson, Owen W. Roberts, Ernest W. Shurtleff, Henry K. Wingate, Eben M. Betts, Albert E. Barnes, Clement G. Clarke, James W. Danford, Chas. L. Hill, Geo. E. Lohr, David P. Olin, Andrew W. Ross, Otis A. Starr, S. S. Seibert.

V. MINNESOTA VALLEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, June, 1916.

REGISTRAR, Rev. F. S. Wheeler.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. S. Heath, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. W. H. Johnson.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Appleton	41	Mrs. B. W. Johnson	J. H. Holderman
Belview	37	Mrs. Ina Adsit	(Supplied)
Benson	117	Miss Emma Benson	Squire Heath
Campbell	77	Miss Agnes Giddings	W. H. Johnson
Correll	14	Mrs. Jessie Hudson	J. H. Holderman
Eldorado	27		Chas. Scofield
Graceville	20	Mrs. C. S. Pierce	Chas. Scofield
Granite Falls	37	Miss Carrie D. Barnes	Gustave Melby
Hancock	105	Mrs. A. F. McArthur	G. E. Hughes
Madison	79	Sever T. Nordgarden	H. R. Harris
Marietta	52	Mrs. A. C. Miller	Paul Winter
Montevideo	149	Andrew M. Parks	Walter M. Swann
Morris	112	D. T. Wheaton	F. A. Stever
Nassau	16	Mrs. H. S. Bragg	Paul Winter
Ortonville	...	Ralph Burton	...
Tintah	20	Mrs. R H. Cross	Alexander Thom

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Squire Heath, N. E. Hannant, A. R. Larson, Walter M. Swann, W. H. Johnson, John H. Morley, Alexander Thom, Paul Winter.

VI. NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, Pelican Rapids, May 10, 1916.

CHAIRMAN BUSINESS COMMITTEE, Rev. T. W. Hawks.

REGISTRAR, C. R. Andrews.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: W. Geo. Hammett, Rev. D. P. Mowry, Rev. H. H. Symons, Eugene Boss, Assistant Moderator and Registrar, ex-officio. Moderator: M. F. McMahon, Fergus Falls.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Ada	91	B. F. Tenney	Horatio H. Symons
Akeley	23	Mrs. A. M. Davis	Mrs. C. F. Lutz
Aldrich Bertha	28	Mrs. Hattie Han (a)	E. E. Lindsley
Argyle	56	R. S. Buckingham	Fred Stilwell
Bagley	27	L. I. Robinson	W. W. Dale
Barnesville	68	Walter A. Lindquist	
Beard Oberg	28	Mrs. Emma Hainey	Geo. F. Morton
Bertha	23	H. O. LeGro	E. E. Lindsley
Calloway	5		A. Kvass
Cass Lake	43	I. N. Lange	Geo. N. Peacock
Crookston	116	H. L. Marsh	Paul B. Albert
Detroit	155	Miss Bessie L. Furber	C. P. Milne
Dugdale	25	Mrs. Harold Adam	W. W. Dale
Felton	8	Mrs. O. Jones	
Fergus Falls	67	Mrs. N. F. Field	F. I. Ferry
Fertile	10	G. J. DeMars	Mr. Plant
Fosston	11		
Glyndon	56	Mrs. W. Shave	
Hawley	70	Adna Colburn	H. P. Long
Kragness	24	G. K. Gunderson (b)	
Lake Park	27	Miss Ellen Smith	C. P. Milne
Maple Bay	15	Mrs. L. A. Hunter	(No services)
Mahnomen	14	Mrs. Henry Birkett	Anders O. Kvass
McIntosh	9	Mrs. N. Yetterberg	W. W. Dale
Mentor	1		W. W. Dale
Moorhead	188	Mrs. Fred Stalley	D. F. Mowry
New York Mills	5	Mrs. Cora Lisk	Mr. Plant
Nymore	4	Mrs. Dan Diladeau	J. E. Cadwell (Lic.)
Oaks Mound	..	Ernest Nelson (c)	
Ogema	12		A. Kvass
Pelican Rapids	56	Mrs. L. Lightbody	T. A. Hawkes
Shevlin	..	Mrs. C. J. Lewis	G. A. Morton
Staples	87	Miss Lucy A. Barrett	
Ulen	...	Mrs. C. S. Lofgren	Horatio H. Symons
Wadena	139	D. E. Wagner	James Ball
Waubun	18		Anders O. Kvass
Wolverton	5		

(a) Verndale (b) Moorhead, R. F. D. 1 (c) Moorhead, R. F. D.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: Paul B. Albert, Richard H. Battey, Wm. Wilbur Dale, Herman P. Fisher, Wm. Griffith, Wm. H. Gimblett, T. W. Hawkes, Anders O. Kvass, Edwin E. Lindsley, Paul N. Palmer, Henry H. Symons, W. L. Sutherland, John W. Todd, Wm. A. Ripon, C. P. Milne, J. E. Ball, D. F. Mowery.

VII. RAINY RIVER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, August, 1916.

MODERATOR, Rev. T. W. Howard.

REGISTRAR, Rev. F. D. White.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. E. L. Heermance, Rev. T. W. Howard, Rev. F. D. White.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Baudette	42	Catherine Dundas	F. D. White
Birchdale	37	Clarence Ruberg	Thos. W. Howard
Birchdale Swedish	6		
Border	30	John Vagts	T. W. Howard
Cedar Spur	10	Mrs. Clayton Dickenson	Walter B. Beach
International Falls, Bethlehem	12	Albert E. Anderson	E. L. Heermance
Williams	14	John Clark	Walter B. Beach

VIII. ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, Lake City, May 18-19, 1916.

MODERATOR, Prof. Andrew Boss.

REGISTRAR, Mrs. O. C. Clark.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: John Street, J. D. Humphrey and the Moderator and Registrar, ex-officio.

CHURCHES	No. Mems.	CLERKS	MINISTERS
Cannon Falls	131	Mrs. Mary C. Clifford	A. Bryngelson
Cannon Falls Swedish	29	John J. Carlson	
Cottage Grove	60	John P. Furber	J. N. Slaney
Faribault	412	Prof. J. J. Dahl	
Lake City—First	228	Mrs. Chas. E. Dutcher	Wm. C. A. Wallar
Lake City—Second	45	Chas. Benson	J. Martin Peterson
Lakeland	8	Miss Anna Rockstroh	(No minister)
Marine Mills	...	Percy Empson	(No services)
North Branch	70	Thos. J. Horton	A. A. Wood
Northfield	637	Mrs. Carrie E. Ellis	Edwin B. Dean
St. Paul—Plymouth	487	Sydney DeGraw	Harry Blunt
Pacific	169	Roy B. Million	(Supplied)
Atlantic	300	Herbert B. Chapman	Wm. J. Robb
St. Anthony Park	179	Henry L. Hunter	E. Lee Howard
Emmanuel	82		Wilbur N. Payne
Olivet, Merriam Park	356	Wm. R. Nicoll	Geo. M. Miller
South Park	41	Mrs. Maurice Noul	Maurice B. Morris
Peoples	625	Leonard A. Straight	Jas. R. Smith
University Avenue	128	Elmer Herrick	N. M. Racer
Hazel Park	...		G. R. G. Fisher
Peoples German	116	August Luedeman	Emil L. F. Warkentien
Cyril	43	Miss Josephine Strand	Chas. J. Trcka
Forest Street	69		(Supplied)
Stillwater	55	Geo. Krueger	(Supplied)
Sunrise	...		A. A. Wood
Wabasha	110	C. H. Robinson	

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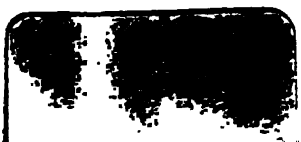
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